



## MEMBER NEWS

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## Farm Babies Fest

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### *Hop, Skip and Jump on Down to Aullwood Farm!*

Watch a mare and foal run, pet a lamb and visit the playful goats at Aullwood's Farm Babies Fest! This family-friendly event is held on Saturday, May 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Aullwood Farm, 9101 Frederick Pike. Admission for the festival is \$10 per car. Enjoy hands-on demonstrations and exhibits, homespun farm crafts, 50/50 raffle, library exhibitors, delicious food and dozens of baby farm animals!

Enjoy adventures on the farm with a draft horse or tractor-drawn wagon ride, create crafts and play games in the children's activity area and make your own butter. Learn how to felt wool at the Morning View Farm booth. Visit other booths to learn about blacksmithing, beekeeping, pond life and making a compostable pot. Even grab a balloon animal to take home with you!



*Ancona duckling*



*Highland calf*

Aullwood's Farm Babies Fest  
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May 13, 2017  
Saturday  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



Ken Fasimpaur

*Black-throated Green Warbler  
and fern frond on cover  
by Tom Hissong*



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## ***Farm Babies Fest Entertainment Schedule***

- Duck Tales and Call Ducks  
with Ed Marrinan:  
11:00 a.m.
- Chris Rowlands  
Farmyard Friends:  
12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.
- Gem City Jumpers:  
1:00 p.m.
- Wildlife Wonders:  
3:00 p.m.
- 50/50 Raffle Drawing:  
4:00 p.m.



Ken Fasimpaur



*Nigerian Dwarf Kids*

Join Chris Rowlands, Aullwood's Outreach Naturalist, throughout the day to sing his humorous farm songs. Eat local, delicious meats from the farm at Aullwood's food booth including bratwurst, barbeque pork and hamburgers. Indulge in a wide variety of treats: sugar waffles, kettle corn, gourmet Mexican dishes, brick-oven pizzas, lemon shake-ups and goodies at the bake sale booth.

Meet many furry friends from K-9 Companions, Team Greyhound Adoption of Ohio and the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. Visit the Greenview Garden Club and purchase some aromatic herbs and flowers to brighten up your landscape. Inside the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center, learn about Aullwood's Head Start Nature/Farm Preschool and check out all the vendors, libraries and activities in the auditorium. Don't miss the fun!



*Baby piglets*

Ken Fasimpaur



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Tom Hissong

## 2016: A Great Year for Butterflies at Aullwood

By Sarah Alverson  
*Environmental Education Specialist*

After butterfly populations rebounded in 2015, butterfly enthusiasts are happy to report similar numbers in 2016! During the 2016 monitoring season at Aullwood, 50 species were seen and 1,858 individual butterflies and skippers were observed (second highest numbers since 2012). The five most abundant species were Silver-spotted Skippers, Cabbage Whites, Pearl Crescents, Eastern Tailed-Blues and Little Wood-Satyr; these five species account for 59% of the total butterflies observed. Although overall numbers were slightly lower than 2015, we recorded increased numbers for the Swallowtail and Skipper species. We spotted 11 Giant Swallowtails, the most we have seen in the 16 years of our survey!

Unfortunately, Monarch sightings were much lower than in 2015. Only 4 Monarchs were spotted in 2016, the lowest number recorded in Aullwood's count history. Scientists attribute the reduced Monarch populations to harsh weather in overwintering sites in Mexico, as well as habitat loss in Mexico and the US due to development, herbicide use, genetically modified crops and mowing roadsides. Recent research indicates that the decline of Monarchs is most likely due to the destruction of milkweed in breeding areas, including Ohio. You can help Monarchs by planting native wildflowers — milkweeds for the caterpillars and a variety of wildflowers for the nectaring adults.

Thank you to all the butterfly aficionados who participated in this program. We appreciate all the time, energy and enthusiasm you have dedicated to collecting data on our dazzling butterflies. The butterfly monitoring program at Aullwood would not occur without your dedication!

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 a route through several different habitats at Aullwood and record the butterflies and skippers we encounter. Aullwood's data is compiled with data from other monitoring locations and scientists around the state to discern state-wide trends in butterfly populations, including changes in ranges, dates of appearance and the impacts of climate change.



For more information on Aullwood's Long Term Butterfly Monitoring (LTBM) Team, call 937-890-7360



Eastern-tailed Blue



Giant Swallowtail



Monarch



Eastern Tiger Swallowtail

Butterfly enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to join our group! We will begin our first monitoring session on Thursday, April 6 at 2:30 p.m. at the Nature Center (weather permitting).

No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm for butterflies!

Call 937-890-7360 to be added to the call list.



### Our Diamond Jubilee



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

This year Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm celebrates its 60th Anniversary — our Diamond Jubilee! For 60 years, we have been your nature center and farm, inspiring a love of our natural world and demonstrating how we grow our food. We have touched the lives of hundreds of thousands of adults and children not only locally but from all over the country and indeed the world. Not only do we routinely draw visitors from neighboring cities such as Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Columbus, but recently we have also proudly hosted visitors from as far away as Saudi Arabia, the Ukraine, Spain, and Finland. We are delighted to know that our message of preserving this amazing planet has traveled far and wide and hope that it continues to do so.

I would like to personally invite you to join us this June 24th to celebrate our many successes and to help us commit to at least another 60 years of community service. We have developed what we believe to be a truly unique and special celebration — to be held in downtown Dayton for the first time — to honor you and your support of us, and also to celebrate the diverse and extraordinary talents of the youth in our community.

Specific details of this celebration, Aullwood en Blanc, will roll out over the next few months at <http://aullwood.audubon.org/enBlanc>. In order to join us, you will need to pay close attention to the requirements for attending the event, but mark your calendars now to save the date as seats are guaranteed to sell out fast. Just to tantalize you a little bit, know that there will be extraordinary music, performance, and cuisine!

Please plan on being a part of this amazing and unique celebration of our planet!



*Great Egret*

*photo: Great Egret by  
Melissa Groo  
Audubon Photography Awards  
2015 Grand Prize Winner*





## Naturally Curious

### *Tiny Jeweled Wonders*

By Nicole Conrad  
Education Manager

It is absolutely remarkable that any birds migrate, but when you see the tiny size of a hummingbird you begin to realize it is astonishing that such a tiny creature can travel such long distances. Despite their size, hummingbirds are tough and resilient little birds with some migrating distances of more than 1000 miles! Not all hummingbirds migrate, but of those that do, many of them winter in Central America and journey to North America for the summer. Some hummingbirds travel across land but some choose to migrate across the Gulf of Mexico. This is a distance of more than 500 miles! That's approximately the distance between Dayton and Atlanta. Yet, some hummingbirds travel that span twice a year. Before they try such a feat they must double their weight or they won't have enough energy to cross this expansive body of water. To make the flight they must fly nonstop for 18-22 hours! Once they reach the coast they will have lost half their weight.

There are more than 350 species of hummingbirds in the world. The hummingbird we are most likely to see in Ohio is the Ruby-throated Hummingbird. Both males and females have a bright emerald-green body with gray-white underparts. The male Ruby-throated Hummingbird has a beautiful red-colored throat, while the females lack the red throat. Hummingbirds can fly at full speed then stop in an instant. They can also fly backwards and hover. A Ruby-throated Hummingbird's wings can beat about 53 times a second!

Male Ruby-throated Hummingbirds typically arrive about a week before females so they can start establishing their territories. Hummingbirds usually return to the same areas every year. They have excellent memories and can be seen hovering where a feeder had been the previous year but has since been moved. They fiercely defend their territories, often chasing off competitors. Once the females arrive, the males try to impress them by putting on a courtship display, flying back and forth in an arc pattern.

The male does not participate in nest building or feeding young. The female uses soft plant materials for the inside of the nest, lines the outside with lichen and binds the nest together with spider webs. The female typically lays 1-2 eggs and incubates them for about 16 days. The eggs are about the size of a jellybean. Young often leave the nest after about 20 days.

Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are most attracted to red and orange flowers where they sip nectar using their very long tongues. They also eat small insects like gnats, mosquitoes and fruit flies for protein. When migrating Ruby-throated Hummingbirds are faced with a lack of flowers or insects they search for holes drilled by Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers and sip tree sap until a better food source appears.



*Hummingbird drinking from a Cardinal flower*



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*Brandon Trentler*

*Yellow-bellied Sapsucker*





Greg Gilbert

Hummingbird nest

continued...



Joe Schneid

Male Ruby-throated Hummingbird

While Ohio's most common hummingbird is the Ruby-throated Hummingbird, occasionally Rufous Hummingbirds will show up in Ohio. A few years ago two of Aullwood's volunteers, Dansen and Leanne Brown, had a Rufous Hummingbird visit their feeder (see photo). The Rufous Hummingbird is typically a western North American species but as with many birds, occasionally some show up outside their normal ranges.



Leanne Brown

Rufous Hummingbird

If you would like to see hummingbirds in your yard, hang up hummingbird feeders in early April and plant hummingbird-friendly flowers in your garden.

Be sure to wash out feeders and make new food every couple of days before the water gets cloudy. The formula is one-quarter cup of sugar with one cup of water; it is not necessary to put red dye in the mixture. During hot weather, feeders need to be cleaned and changed frequently to avoid feeding hummingbirds fermented water which could be toxic to them. Another way to attract hummingbirds to your yard is by planting hummingbird friendly flowers like butterfly milkweed, royal catchfly, cardinal flower or wild bergamot — all of which can be purchased at Aullwood's Native Plant Sale.

I love watching hummingbirds throughout the summer and into the fall. Sometimes we get questions at Aullwood about how long feeders should be left out. You should keep feeders out as long as you see hummingbirds visiting them then keep them out about a week after seeing your last one just in case a straggler comes through. It is not true that keeping your hummingbird feeders up in the fall will prevent hummingbirds from migrating. The amount of food available to them does not affect their migratory urge, so please keep those feeders up as they are an important food source for these beautiful, tiny jeweled wonders!



Ruhikant Meetei

Ruby-throated Hummingbird



Ruhikant Meetei

Ruby-throated Hummingbird



Matt Tillett

Male Ruby-throated Hummingbird





Black-Throated  
Green Warbler



Palm Warbler



Blackburnian  
Warbler



Hooded  
warbler



Northern  
Parula  
Warbler



Golden-winged  
Warbler



Yellow-Rumped  
Warbler



Prothonotary  
Warbler



Mourning  
warbler



Common  
Yellowthroat



Cerulean  
warbler



Yellow-Throated  
Warbler

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## *A Palette of Warblers*

*Male warblers bring in the colors of spring on the wing*

For a copy of Chris Rowlands' "A Palette of Warblers,"  
stop by the Aullwood Nature Store.



# Birdathon 2017



## A fun game of bird hide and seek

Wednesday, May 3 is Birdathon 2017. The goal is for teams to identify at least 125 different species of birds in a 24-hour period and raise \$15,000 for Aullwood. Last year teams and supporters exceeded the goal and raised a total of \$16,068!

Birdathon is a fun and unique way to raise funds to support Aullwood's education programs. Remember that in the 2015-16 school year, 120 schools, representing 13 counties and 22 public school districts were touched by Aullwood's hands-on programs! We need your help to raise funds so that the children we serve may continue to learn and experience nature and farming. There is a birding team for everyone, although you do not have to join a team to support Birdathon. You can become a Birdathon sponsor by simply filling out the pledge form below.

The Marie S. Aull Education Center is the starting point for most of Aullwood's Birdathon Teams to take flight on May 3rd.

• **TEAM CARDINAL** (Bird Watchers who raise \$100 in pledges) will gather at 7:00 a.m. in the Marie S. Aull Education Center. There will be a continental breakfast and a brief talk by a surprise guest leader. Our birding expert will lead Team Cardinal and

help us identify birds along Aullwood's many trails. This birding adventure ends at 9:00 a.m. Equipment needed: binoculars, walking shoes and a sense of adventure.

• **TEAM WARBLER** (Bird Watchers who raise \$200 in pledges) will depart at 6:00 a.m. for Spring Valley Wildlife Area and bird watch with co-leaders Nicole Conrad, Education Manager, Nenita Lapitan, Volunteer Coordinator, and Cheryl Johnson, Friends of Aullwood former board member. A box lunch will be provided at noon and the group will continue its bird count at other hot spots, returning to Aullwood by 4:00 p.m.

• **TEAM TANAGER** (Bird Watchers who raise \$300 in pledges) will depart at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 2 and stay overnight at a hotel. (Aullwood will make the reservations — participants will pay for their rooms.) The team will begin birding late in the afternoon and resume Birdathon adventures at 7:00 a.m. the next day. The team will visit many key birding sites which may include: Tar Hollow State Park, Magee Marsh, Killdeer Plains, Ottawa NWR and other areas along Lake Erie. Team Tanager, led by Tom Hissong, Aullwood's Retired Education Manager, will return to the Center by 9:30 p.m. This schedule is subject to change based on the weather.

**May 3, 2017**



**Riverdale  
Optimist Club**



*Pledge sheets for  
you and/or your team  
are available by  
contacting  
Laurie Cothran  
at 937-890-7360  
ext. 216 or  
lcothran@audubon.org*

*Please take a moment to complete the pledge form below and thank you for your support!*

### Birdathon 2017 Pledge Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Add my email address to the Aullwood E-Blast list: ☐ Y ☐ N

I want to be a member of: \_\_\_\_ Team Cardinal \_\_\_\_ Team Warbler \_\_\_\_ Team Tanager All gifts are fully tax deductible!

I pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ per species for the Aullwood Birdathon (Minimum pledge is 25¢ per species.)

I pledge a lump sum gift of: \_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ (other)

\_\_\_\_ A matching gift form is enclosed / \_\_\_\_ My check is enclosed (payable to National Audubon Society)

\_\_\_\_ Charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover (check one)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# (3 digit code, back of card) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return  
completed form to:  
Birdathon / Aullwood  
Audubon Center  
1000 Aullwood Road  
Dayton, OH 45414*





## Aullwood Spring

Mike Mushala



Ruhikant Meeter



Tom Hissong



*When daisies pied and violets blue  
And lady-smocks all silver-white  
And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue  
Do paint the meadows with delight*

— William Shakespeare  
(from *Love's Labors Lost*)



Mike Mushala



Tom Hissong

Mike Mushala



Mike Mushala





# Farming for Sustainability the Aullwood Way

By Sam Wickham  
*Sustainable Farm Manager*

Sustainability seems to be a catchall term these days. If we look to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, it is defined as “*of, relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged.*” Let’s take it a step further to sustainable agriculture, which is largely undefined by the USDA or other verifying agencies. We must define what sustainable agriculture means to Aullwood in order to develop best practices, as well as to adapt to meet the challenges of an ever-changing environment.

We have defined sustainable agriculture as land management that produces food, fiber, plants, or animals using farming techniques that protect the environment, public health and farmers, and promotes animal welfare without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. As stewards of the land, we are responsible for making the best decisions we can to give to the land as it provides for us. Just as in any healthy relationship in life, we must not take more than we give. The demand for cheap farm products has put pressure on present day farmers to optimize their systems for quick returns and profits, compromising their commitment to long-term land productivity and resilience. We can’t get caught up in this way of thinking if we want to conserve our resources. As humans, we function as part of an ecosystem, which must be recognized as a dynamic, complex community of living organisms. When we affect one component of that system, it does not happen in isolation.

For example, if we apply inorganic fertilizers, we may have higher crop yields that season. However, if we take off our instant gratification blinders and observe the impact on the rest of the system, we can’t overlook that this off-farm input is a cost to the farm, and would disturb the balance of organisms (plant, mycorrhizal, bacterial, and animal) in the ecosystem. Just as a human’s body is prone to infection and illness when undernourished, land is susceptible to disease and pest pressure.

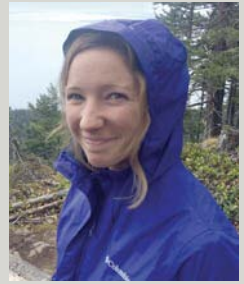
How will we put these ideals into practice at Aullwood? We are committed to assessing and managing our soil, water, and animal health.

One practice we will incorporate is intensive rotational grazing, which mirrors the movement of wild prey animals. Just as the wild bison traversed the plains in mob fashion, moving quickly in tight-knit groups to avoid predation, so will we graze our cattle. The cows will move between small paddocks always leaving enough top growth for regeneration. This light, short-term disturbance to the soil will allow nutrients from the cow manure to fertilize the soil. Pigs and poultry on the farm are now being fed non-GMO feed. Why? Genetically modified crops are patented, meaning that they are owned by biotechnology corporations and not farmers.



This does not allow farmers to save seed, requiring them to buy new seed yearly, as well as threatening the autonomy of the independent farmer when neighboring crops cross-pollinate with their own non-GMO crops. Furthermore, the use of chemicals has grown with the use of herbicide-tolerant crops as weeds gain resistance to glyphosate products such as Roundup. This gives rise to superweeds which are changing our ecological landscape. In our cropping system, we focus on replenishing our soil with cover crops and our own compost. These amendments add organic matter to the soil, improving structure and water holding capacity while releasing nutrients into the soil over time.

This is just a sample of what is to come at Aullwood as we work to leave this piece of land better than we found it.



Sam Wickham  
*Farm Manager*

For more  
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George Catlin's  
"Buffalo Hunt  
under the  
Wolf-skin Mask"  
detail, courtesy  
Smithsonian  
American Art  
Museum





## Winter/Spring 2017 Interns

*The winter/spring Audubon Wings intern session is upon us with four new interns joining Audubon's staff. Read a little about them below and say hello when you are at the Center and Farm.*

### **Andrew Kendrick – Education Intern**

I grew up in Lake Arrowhead, California, so I have always been around nature. I loved walking through the woods, and hanging out at the lake. Nature makes me feel relaxed and at peace; and that is one of the reasons I chose to come to Aullwood. In 2015, I graduated from UC Davis in Northern California with a degree in Geology. I love the vast time-scales that geology operates on, and I love being outside to observe the natural landscape. This internship will give me the tools to be a better naturalist, as well as a better educator.

### **Lauren Przybylski – Education Intern**

Hello! I am originally from Cincinnati, Ohio where I attended Turpin High School as a part of the Class of 2013. I graduated from the University of Dayton in December of 2016 with a degree in Biology and a minor in Philosophy. I highly enjoy photographing wildlife and creative cooking in my free time. I have always had a passion for animals, their environment, and ways to protect both; I am eager to share this enthusiasm with the public through environmental education, and can't wait to inspire those around me.

### **Allison Zimmerman – Education Intern**

I recently graduated from Bowling Green State University with a Bachelors of Arts and Sciences in Environmental Policy with a focus in Sustainable Management. I grew up about an hour north of Dayton in a small town called St. Marys. My hometown is known for its large man-made lake and its wonderful state



*Interns: (left to right) Lauren, Andrew, Leevi and Allie*

park where as a kid, I remember spending most of my days exploring the natural areas. I always enjoyed nature as a kid, and will continue to enjoy exploring and educating others about the natural environment as an adult.

### **Leevi Stump – Farm Maintenance Intern**

I am from Mount Vernon, OH and am a recent graduate of Wilmington College. There, I obtained a degree in Agriculture. I am a non-traditional agriculture major. As I child, I grew up in the city and was never involved in FFA or 4-H. I always enjoyed the outdoors and wanted to pursue a career in veterinary medicine. After attending one semester, I realized I wanted to pursue a degree in agriculture instead. I view this internship as a building stone, absorbing as much knowledge as possible from my peers to find a job in the career choice that fits my desires.

## From Farm to Plate

Do you take pride in the meats you purchase and eat?

Aullwood Farm offers a selection of tasty and nutritionally satisfying meats for all seasons. The farm freezer is stocked with beef and pork products, from steaks to bratwurst. Fresh chicken will be available in May, June, July and August. Eggs are available year round for \$3.50 per dozen.

Order forms are available on our website, or pick up a copy at Aullwood Center or Farm to make sure you get the specific cuts you desire. Contact the farm desk at 937-890-2968 for more information.



*Try Aullwood's meats today and taste the difference our farm makes!*



## Aullwood's 13th Annual Native Plant Sale

Hope grows in your backyard! Yes, hope for a better world where butterflies, bees, other insects, birds, animals and people flourish. Aullwood's Native Plant Sale on April 21 and 22 has the plants you need to transform a corner of your backyard or to indulge in an extreme garden makeover. The flowering plants, grasses, trees and shrubs offered in this sale are species that occur naturally in Montgomery and neighboring counties and will attract birds, butterflies and wildlife.

Pre-order customers only may pick up their plants on Friday, April 21 from 2:00–6:00 p.m. On Saturday, April 22 the sale is open to walk-in customers from 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. The sale is held at Aullwood Farm.

Did you know that our beloved songbirds need thousands of caterpillars and insects to raise their young? Even hummingbirds feed their nestlings small spiders and insects and glue their nest together with spider webs. Every native plant supports insect populations, contributes to a healthy eco-system and grows a better world.

Visit [www.aullwood.org](http://www.aullwood.org), email us at [AskUs@aullwood.org](mailto:AskUs@aullwood.org) or call 937-890-7360 to request a plant catalog!

For more information on native plants, visit the National Audubon Society's "Plants for Birds" website database at <http://www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds>



Tom Hissong



Sarah Alverson shows off Virginia Bluebells at the annual Native Plant Sale



Eastern Purple Coneflower



## Chipmunk Adventures

### Aullwood's Chipmunk Adventures — Classes for Preschool Children

Spring is here and it's a great time to enjoy the outdoors! Children enrolled in Aullwood's Chipmunk Adventures classes will enjoy hands-on outdoor experiences, stories, songs, crafts and Aullwood's live animals as they look for signs of spring. Direct, hands-on experiences with nature are not only essential for physically and emotionally healthy childhood development, they are also fun! Children should be dressed for the weather since we will go outside unless severe weather threatens. Classes are held at the Marie S. Aull Education Center unless otherwise noted for the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center at Aullwood Farm. Mike Kloeters is the teacher for this exciting class.

For information contact Mike Kloeters at 937-890-7360.

#### Chipmunk Adventures . . .

is for 2-5 year olds (2-3 years old with an adult);  
(4-5 years old adult is optional.) The themes and dates are:

**Bluebirds!** April 18 Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

**Brown Goats! (Farm)** May 23 Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Individual classes:

\$15 for members, \$17 for non-members

Class limit: 10 (5 minimum)







# Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## April 2017 Programs

April is a beautiful month with spring wildflowers appearing in the woodlands and is a great time to visit Aullwood. General admission is \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Call 937-890-7360 for more information.

### April 1, 2, 9, 16

Spring Wildflower Walks – Saturdays and Sundays, 2:30 p.m. (Center)

### April 1

Counted Cross Stitch  
2:00-4:00 p.m. (Center)\*

### April 6, 13, 20, 27

Self-Guided Morning  
Discovery Walks for Adults  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### April 6 – October 31

Long-term Butterfly Monitoring  
(Center)

### April 4 – May 20

Avian Art Contest Exhibit (Center)

### April 8

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

### April 8

Spring Farm Tour  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
(Depart from Farm)\*

### April 10

Volunteer Field Trip:  
Shawnee Lookout Park  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
(Depart from Center)

### April 18

Chipmunk Adventures – Bluebirds!  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)

### April 21

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

### April 22

Native Plant Sale  
9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Farm)

### April 25

Avian Art Contest Reception  
7:00 p.m. (Center)

### April 29

Nature Detectives Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### April 30

Pencils, Paper and Nature Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

\*See Center for Lifelong Learning Insert



### Spring Wildflower Walks

Saturdays and Sundays, April 1, 2, 9, 16  
starting at 2:30 p.m. During the month  
of April Aullwood's wildflower trail is  
full of colorful spring flowers.  
Bloodroot, trillium, skunk cabbage,  
Virginia bluebells and celandine  
poppies carpet the woodland floor.  
Discover spring wildflowers with us  
on a walk at Aullwood! (Center)



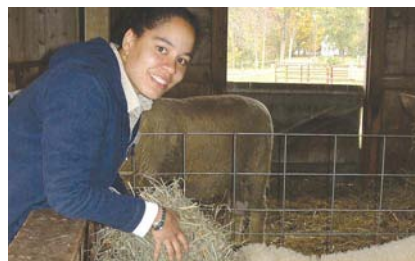
*Trillium*

### Self-Guided Morning Discovery Walks for Adults

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27 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)

### Hello Farm – Farm Walk

Saturday, April 8 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
This experience is about getting  
your hands dirty and smelling like  
something special. Learn to do hands-  
on work around the farm, from  
hauling water for the horses to  
collecting eggs. Come along to meet  
the animals, sweep some barns and  
feed some animals. Give hay to the  
horses, water the chickens, grain the  
pigs, and more! Wear clothes that can  
get fowl-smelling and come be a farm  
kid for a day! (Farm)



*Nicole with hay*

### Nature Detectives Walk

Saturday, April 29 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Become a nature detective and look  
for evidence of human interference  
on our walk around the Aullwood  
trails. Spot and pick up litter, look for  
footprints, construction, cleared out  
areas, and man-made structures.  
Discuss the role that humans play  
within the natural world and have a  
brief discussion about Earth Day!  
(Center)

### Pencils, Paper and Nature Walk

Sunday, April 30 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Join an Aullwood Naturalist for artsy  
creations using only a pencil, paper,  
and nature! Designed for those of us  
who are less artistically inclined, this  
class focuses on stenciling, rubbing,  
and incorporating nature in original  
ways to create a beautiful one-of-a-  
kind piece. Learn about many native  
and nonnative trees, plants, and  
animals that could be the source for  
your own artwork that is sure to  
impress your friends and family.  
Aullwood will provide pencils and  
paper. (Center)



## May 2017 Programs

Join us for fun programs in the month of May when baby animals frolic at the Farm and when many colorful bird migrants return to Ohio. General admission is \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Call 937-890-7360 for more information.

### May 2, 3

Aullwood Birdathon (Center)

### May 4, 11, 18, 25

Self-Guided Morning  
Discovery Walks for Adults  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### May 4

Painting with Nature  
6:00-8:00 p.m. (Center)\*

### May 6

Beginning Blacksmithing  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)\*

### May 6

Habitat Healer Day: Plants for Birds  
9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (Center)

### May 6

Advanced Blacksmithing  
1:00-4:00 p.m. (Farm)\*

### May 6

Geology Adventures Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### May 7

Aullwood Draft Horse Wagon Rides  
1:00-2:30 p.m. (Farm)

### May 13

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

### May 14

May the Forest Be with You Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### May 15

Volunteer Field Trip:  
Cope Environmental Center  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
(Depart from Center)

### May 20

Kids, Lambs and Chicks – Wahoo!  
Farm Walk, 2:30 p.m. (Farm)

### May 23

Chipmunk Adventures – Brown Goats!  
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)

### May 28

May the Forest Be with You Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### May 29

Aullwood Closed – Memorial Day

### May 30 – 31

Aullwood Closed – Staff Work Days

### May 30

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

\*See Center for Lifelong Learning Insert



*Baltimore Oriole*

### Self-Guided Morning Discovery Walks for Adults

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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)

### Geology Adventures Walk

Saturday, May 6 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Investigate rocks, minerals and fossils  
on a fun geology hike. Find out how  
long some of Ohio's rocks have been  
around and how they came to be  
here. Examine rocks for evidence of  
creatures that lived in a warm shallow  
sea and learn how to identify the  
three types of rocks. Join us on this  
rockin' adventure! (Center)

### Aullwood Draft Horse Wagon Rides

Sunday, May 7, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Join  
Red and Mick, Aullwood's draft horse  
team, for a relaxing tour of Aullwood  
Farm on a wagon drawn by horse  
power. Fees for the program are  
\$1/person. Non-members must pay  
admission to the farm in addition to  
the wagon ride fee. Each ride lasts  
about 30 minutes. (Farm)

### May the Forest Be With You Walk

Sunday, May 14 and Sunday, May 28  
starting at 2:30 p.m. Seek and find  
trees at Aullwood and join us for a  
fun forest adventure as we hike to  
Aullwood's pine and wet woods.  
Discover the important things trees  
do for us, journey back in time as we  
learn how much of Ohio was forested  
before settlers came through, try your  
hand at bark rubbings, find new buds  
and leaves and have a blast with other  
tree-mendous activities! (Center)



*Mike Mushala*

### Kids, Lambs and Chicks – Wahoo! Farm Walk

Saturday, May 20 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Discover the newest additions as we  
enjoy the springtime season of young  
livestock. If you missed Farm Babies  
Fest, then this is the opportunity to  
meet the babies of the farm. Get a  
behind-the-scenes pass to watch a  
baby piglet run, touch a tiny chick, and  
meet a goat kid! We will talk about  
how the farm staff prepares for the  
young ones' arrival and cares for them  
once they are here. Also, learn how  
to make simple homemade butter.  
Come enjoy the babies at Aullwood  
Farm! (Farm)





Mike Mushala

# Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

## June 2017 Programs

Summer begins on June 21 and it's the perfect month to explore Aullwood. General admission is \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Call 937-890-7360 for more information.

### June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Self-Guided Morning Discovery Walks for Adults  
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

### June 3

Five Senses Forest Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### June 4

Free Admission Day

### June 4

Aullwood's Breeding Bird Census  
6:30 a.m. (Center)

### June 4

Aullwood Draft Horse Wagon Rides  
1:00-2:30 p.m. (Farm)

### June 5 – August 4

Summer Earth Adventures Classes  
(Center and Farm)

### June 7

Volunteer Field Trip:  
Springfield Museum of Art  
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.  
(Depart from Center)

### June 10

Hey Ewe There Farm Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Farm)



Tunis lamb

### June 11

Pond Hoppers Walk 2:30 p.m.  
(Center)

### June 17

Water Cycle Family Activity  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### June 24

Aullwood En Blanc (Offsite)  
*Watch for more information!*

### June 24

Nature Center and Farm Closed

### June 25

Nature Sketching Walk  
2:30 p.m. (Center)

### June 25

Bees 'n Aull: A Pollinator Celebration  
12:00-5:00 p.m. (Farm)

## Self-Guided Morning Discovery Walks for Adults

Thursdays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 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)

## Five Senses Forest Walk

Saturday, June 3 starting at 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a guided nature walk on Aullwood's accessible Birds, Flight and the Wrights Trail. This slow, leisurely stroll is designed especially for those with mobility issues/vision loss and is led by Nenita, Aullwood's Volunteer Coordinator and a stroke survivor. This trail is 4/10th of a mile, is paved and offers benches along the way where we can sit and pause to enjoy the view and see what nature is offering us to discover that day. After our outdoor exploration, we'll enjoy some punch and cookies. (Center)

## Aullwood's Breeding Bird Census

Sunday, June 4 starting at 6:30 a.m. Each June Aullwood's naturalists 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! (Center)

## Aullwood Draft Horse Wagon Rides

Sunday, June 4, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Join Red and Mick, Aullwood's draft horse team, for a relaxing tour of Aullwood Farm on a wagon drawn by horse power. Fees for the program are \$1/person. Each ride lasts about 30 minutes. (Farm)



Ewe with lambs

## Hey Ewe There Farm Walk

Saturday, June 10 starting at 2:30 p.m. Did you know one year's growth of fleece produces eight pounds of wool? Or that a lamb identifies its mother by her bleat? Meet Aullwood's sheep up close and learn how to feed them. Learn how to card, wash and felt wool into something unique. Touch and feel a variety of sheep wool and make a sheep craft. Don't have a baa-d day, come to the farm! (Farm)

## Pond Hoppers Walk

Sunday, June 11 starting at 2:30 p.m. Fish, turtles and frogs are just some of the creatures that like to live in Aullwood's Bluegill Pond. Explore the wonders of the water world by using nets, strainers and hands to capture wetland creatures. We'll identify what we catch then release our catches back to the pond. Aullwood will provide nets and strainers. (Center)



## June 2017 Programs

### Water Cycle Family Activity

Saturday, June 17 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Become a raindrop and see where the water cycle journey takes you. Will you travel to the ocean, become a cloud, be part of a stream or travel through a plant or animal? Record your own personal journey on a bracelet you get to take home. This program is recommended for families to enjoy together. (Center)



*Become a raindrop*

### Nature Sketching Walk

Sunday, June 25 starting at 2:30 p.m.  
Enjoy a hike with naturalist Chris Rowlands exploring Aullwood through the eyes of an artist. Try sketching trees, flowers, bugs and birds. All are welcome on this adventure, from beginners to experts. Bring a notebook, pencil and pen. (Center)



*Honeybee*

### Bees 'n Aull:

#### A Pollinator Celebration

Sunday, June 25, 12-5 p.m. No party would be as festive or delicious without the contribution of pollinators and the plants they pollinate. Learn about pollinators – birds, bees, butterflies and more – and celebrate National Pollinators Week during a fun-filled day with hands-on learning opportunities, crafts, demonstrations, programs and walking tours of Aullwood Farm. (Farm)

\*Admission – \$5 adult / children and members of Aullwood are free

## 2017 Summer Earth Adventures

### Jump into Nature!



*Observing life in the Farm garden*

Aullwood's popular Summer Earth Adventures classes are coming soon! Adventures may include searching watery habitats for aquatic life, helping with animal care and farm chores, looking for life in the forest, creating nature artwork and much more! The theme this summer is "Jump into Nature!" Join us for a summer filled with fun and excitement! Classes are developed around the child's age and abilities and include hands-on activities, crafts, and games for children age 2 through 8th grade. Children attend weekly classes — topics vary. Most classes are held 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. A limited number of scholarships are available this year.

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.

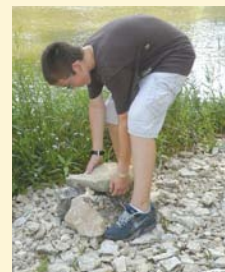
If you would like more information about Summer Earth Adventures scholarships or information about becoming a volunteer assistant for the 2017 Summer Earth Adventures classes contact Aullwood at 937-890-7360.

The 2017 Summer Earth Adventures classes will be held the following weeks:

Session I	June 5-9	Session V	July 10-14
Session II	June 12-16	Session VI	July 17-21
Session III	June 19-22*	Session VII	July 24-28
Session IV	June 26-30	Session VIII	July 31-August 4

\*There is no class Friday, June 23. Classes the week of June 19 are held 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

To register for classes, call Aullwood at 937-890-7360 or complete the registration form in the Summer Earth Adventures brochure. Classes fill quickly so register now!



*Checking out rocks*

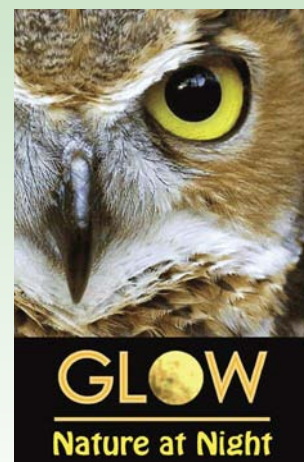
## Save the Date

Thrill to new fiery and colorful entertainers, sing along with Chris Rowlands, shop unique GLOW items, play glow-in-the-dark games and experience hands-on gleaming glow-in-the-dark activities, marvel at our luminescent art installation display, roast marshmallows and hot dogs and put together delicious s'mores.

See our larger-than-life animal creatures as they interact and share their life stories in the

auditorium and explore Aullwood's trails at night with a naturalist. Bring your flashlight — you won't want to miss GLOW!!

**GLOW: Nature at Night**  
will return for two nights only:  
October 20-21  
from 6:30-9:30 p.m.







# Volunteer Corner

April – May – June 2017

## Featured Volunteer

### Valerie Schaefer

If you stop by the Nature Center on a Sunday, Valerie Schaefer most likely will be the person who welcomes you to Aullwood.

Valerie works full-time as a Senior Programmer/ Analyst at Sinclair Community College; yet she makes time to volunteer at least three Sundays a month!

When her children were young, she brought them to Aullwood to experience nature and she thought that it would be fun to volunteer, too — she's been volunteering for ten years.

Valerie is also a long-time volunteer at Hospice of Dayton (19 years), and her duties there include assisting with volunteer training.

Valerie loves to read, play tennis and enjoys all things connected with nature. Valerie says, *"One of my favorite memories of Aullwood is the wonderful winter series that presents great speakers, and I really enjoy working with Chris Rowlands."*

Barbara Trick, Office Manager says of Valerie: *"She is calm, cool and collected and always courteous to guests. Valerie is a very effective volunteer especially on those extremely busy weekends when more than a hundred visitors descend on Aullwood in a very short time. The Nature Center is in good hands when Valerie is at the front desk."*

## Spring into Summer Volunteer Activities and Opportunities

For more information about these opportunities, please call Nenita Lapitan, Volunteer Coordinator, 937-890-7360, ext. 214 or email [nlapitan@audubon.org](mailto:nlapitan@audubon.org).

### Aullwood Volunteers are Awesome!

We are so appreciative of the many ways volunteers support Aullwood's mission. This winter, Maintenance volunteers handled a variety of projects around the Center and Farm, READS Mentors helped students struggling to read, Farm Hands harnessed up draft horses Red and Mick and got them out working and bird lovers collected scientific data for Feeder Watch. Volunteers do so much to help Aullwood and our visitors. We are so grateful for your dedication!

### Native Plant Sale

Wednesday, April 19: Set-up from 1-4 p.m.

Thursday, April 20: Set-up from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Friday, April 21: Complete set up and presale orders; assist with pre-sale order pickup.

Two shifts: 12-3 p.m. or 3-6 p.m.

Saturday, April 22: There are many ways you can assist — look for details in the soon to be mailed Native Plant Sale Volunteer Recruitment flier or go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-native>.

Three shifts: 8:30-11:15 a.m.; 11 a.m.-1:45 p.m.; or 1:30-4 p.m.

The Native Plant Sale is held at Aullwood Farm.

Native Plant Sale Takedown:

April 24: 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. / Meet at the Farm to break down tables, clean up and collect and transport plants to the Nature Center.

### Habitat Healer Day: Plants for Birds

May 6 – 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. or 1-3 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. Gloves and trowels provided.

Complimentary lunch provided from 12-1 p.m. and each volunteer will receive a native plant to take home. Meet at the Nature Center.



N. Lapitan

*Restoring natural habitats can be a family affair!*



Mike Mushala



## Farm Babies Fest

Friday, May 12: Set up from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Saturday, May 13: Celebrate spring and animal babies on the farm! There are many ways to assist at this fun family festival! We're going back to our original 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.

## Summer Earth Adventures Assistants – Adults and Youth

If you are 14 or older and you enjoy nature, consider spending part of your summer as a Summer Earth Adventures Assistant! This is a great opportunity for youth to complete school, honor society or organizational volunteer service requirements or for adults who enjoy being outside with kids during the summertime, and to build skill sets for anyone's resume! Summer Earth Adventures begins the week of June 5 and ends on August 4. 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!

## Garden Sprout Volunteers to Tend our Edible Garden!

Jenn Starcher, Farm Assistant, wants Garden Sprout volunteers to help in Aullwood's Edible Garden where children and adults learn what vegetables look like growing in their natural state and discover which part(s) to eat! Plant, weed, tend and harvest vegetables while enjoying our beautiful farm! Days and times are flexible and training is provided. The time commitment is one to two hours a week.



*Sarah Alverson and a CJ student remove Garlic Mustard from the Sugarbush.*

N. Lapitan

## Share your Excitement and Love of Nature with Children

The Education Department needs Volunteer Naturalists to join our interpretive teaching crew and lead school programs. All you need is enthusiasm to share your love of nature with children of all ages. We can teach you the names of the trees, birds and plants! Days and times are flexible; orientation and training provided.

## Seasonal Groundskeeping Volunteers to help with Mowing and Trimming

Aullwood's Maintenance Crew wants one or two early bird volunteers who love to mow and cut down weeds. Time involved is once a week from 7-9 a.m. Volunteers must be age 18+, possess a driver's license and be insured. Training provided, though volunteers must be able to handle a gas weed-eater and zero-turn mower.



N. Lapitan

*Wright State Students help enrich our front beds with pollinator-friendly plants.*

## Farm Helping Hands

Would you like to assist the Farm staff with our livestock? Farm Hands help with farm chores and other work on the farm, including clearing fencerows and mucking out stalls.

Volunteers must be age 18+, able to lift at least 30 pounds, be willing to follow Aullwood's Standard Operating Procedures for livestock and Risk Management policies and procedures; experience working with livestock is preferred. After training, volunteers must be able to handle chores independently.



Ken Fasimpaur

## Roadside Recyclers Keep Aullwood Beautiful

Aullwood is responsible for keeping the edge of our property from the Nature Center up Aullwood Road, along US-40 to Frederick and Meeker clean of trash. Roadside Recyclers will collect trash and recyclables once a week, twice a month. By keeping the woodland and farm edges clear of trash, we'll maintain an attractive first impression for our visitors and safer habitats for the animals that live here. Litter pickers, safety vests and trash bags provided. We'd like Roadside Recyclers to work in pairs for safety purposes, so grab a friend and sign up today! A brief orientation and safety training will be provided. You may choose the day and time to collect litter.



## Aullwood Nature Store

### *We're thinking Spring in the Aullwood Nature Store*

Have you thought about planting a garden to welcome pollinators? Whether you have a large yard in the suburbs or a balcony in the city, we have a great selection of new books to help you design the perfect garden space for your home.

Children will enjoy learning about the food they eat. From sprouting to harvest, the *Root Viewer* allows them to view vegetables growing right before their eyes.

Beautiful indoor/ outdoor pillows will bring a fresh look to your outdoor living space. We love the bunny and bee designs!

And, of course, we have wren houses for our feathered friends. You and your kids can even build your own using our Wren House Kit.



*New items are arriving each week.  
Come on in; we'd love to see you!*

## Avian Art Contest

Artwork from the Aullwood Avian Art Contest is on display in the Marie S. Aull Education Center beginning April 4th.

The exhibit includes student artwork from Dayton Elementary Schools: Cleveland, Horace Mann and Charity Adams Earley Academy. We want to extend a special thanks to art teachers Langston Watras and Joni Watson and all the other teachers who worked so hard to make this project so special.

Awards for the contest will be presented on April 25 at a special reception attended by enthusiastic students, parents, family members, teachers and principals.

The art contest is sponsored by the family of the late Robert L. Marquardt in memory of Enid Marquardt, a teacher for 30 years in the Dayton school system.

This beautiful exhibit should not be missed and will be on display until May 20.

*Visit Aullwood on  
April 25 at 7:00 p.m.  
for a special reception.  
Exhibit will be on  
display until May 20.*



## Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

### Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program

Your purchases at Dorothy Lane Market can benefit Aullwood's high quality educational programs for children. 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. If you participated in the 2016 Good Neighbor Program YOU MUST RE-ENROLL FOR 2017. Your membership does not rollover.



### Kroger Community Rewards Program

Shopping at Kroger can help Aullwood! Join the Kroger Community Rewards Program, use your Kroger Plus card every time you shop, and Aullwood receives a percentage from Kroger of your purchases! Simply register your Kroger Plus Card online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com), link to Aullwood's NPO number 81706, and remember to swipe your Kroger Plus Card before paying! When enrolled, you will 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! It's that simple! Call Laurie Cothran 937-890-7360 ext. 216 for more details.





## ***The Aull Society***

Marie Aull had a vision for Aullwood and lived to see her dream become a reality. Her gift of land and funds in 1957 to the National Audubon Society in memory of her husband John, created Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm. The Aull Society is a planned-giving vehicle to perpetuate Marie's vision. It is composed of individuals who have informed us that Aullwood is included in their current planned giving and estate plans. All planned gifts that we receive are held locally and are used to support Aullwood's mission of environmental education and sustainable agriculture. Aullwood remembers Marie Aull today as we celebrate our 60th anniversary and our friends in The Aull Society for their past, present and future support of Aullwood.



*Marie Aull*

Planned gifts can be made now, as immediate support, or they can be ratified upon your death as a final way to leave your legacy. Whether outright bequests, charitable annuities, IRAs or insurance policies, a planned gift can be directed to Aullwood and at the same time provide for your financial future and that of your loved ones.

Everyone who creates a planned gift to Aullwood becomes a member of The Aull Society. Your gift will be used to fund our education programs and maintain our nature sanctuary and educational farm. Planned giving is for everyone — all ages and budgets. You can make a difference for Aullwood's future by planning your gift now and becoming a member of The Aull Society.

*For more information (with no obligation) on how to include Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm in your will, please call Laurie Cothran at (937) 890-7360, extension 216.*

## ***Aullwood joins the Blue Star 2017 Museums***

Aullwood has once again joined an innovative program sponsored by the National Endowment



for the Arts, the Department of Defense, and Blue Star Families — Blue Star 2017 Museums. Through this program Aullwood will show our support for America's armed forces by providing free general admission to active duty military personnel from all branches of the service, National Guard members, as well as Reserve members. The active duty member or spouse may bring up to 5 family members from June 1, 2017 until September 3, 2017.

## ***Become a Member!***

***Please join us and  
become a Friends of  
Aullwood member!***

*Membership benefits include free general admission, subscription to the Aullwood newsletter, a 10% discount in the Aullwood Nature Store, discounted fees on workshops and classes, free admission to Apple Fest, as well as reciprocal admission to nature centers in 34 states!*

*See [www.aullwood.org](http://www.aullwood.org) for more information.*





May Apple blossom

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Mike Mushala



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Sonja Gegel  
Arline & Kent Venter

In memory of Gladys & Harold Dawson  
Thomas & Donna Dawson

In memory of Jeff Fiely  
Phil & Maureen Fry

In memory of Carolyn Getson  
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Discover Aullwood's Center for Lifelong Learning! Learning truly is a lifelong adventure and Aullwood has many exciting opportunities. Our youngest naturalists receive their first introductions to the natural world with preschool classes that inspire imagination and wonder. Adults are challenged to learn nature's secrets, enjoy a new hobby, be more health conscious, or take an eco-tour to an exciting place. Review class listings on our website at [www.aullwood.org](http://www.aullwood.org).

### ADULT CLASSES

#### Painting with Nature

**Marie S. Aull Education Center**

**May 4 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Bring nature indoors with this unique painting class. Come learn how to paint a beautiful simple nature scene! This class is from start to finish, with help from the instructor, Kay Shellabarger. She hosts many crafting and 'Pinterest Parties' and she has found her passion for painting. Canvases, paint, and brushes are all included in the cost. Please dress accordingly, or bring an apron to wear.

Course Id: PWN-01-17  
Price: \$30 Member FoA,  
\$40 Non-member  
Class limit: 15 (6 minimum)

Level: Beginner  
Instructor: Kay Shellabarger



Health Scale: 

#### Blacksmithing

**Charity Krueger Farm Discovery Center**

**Beginner Class:**

**May 6 • 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

Ever wonder what it was like to make your own items from metals? Then this is a class you will be interested in! You will be introduced to the world of blacksmithing! Start out with the basics of what kind of metal to use and how to work with metals safely. Then, you'll be able to recognize basic steps to create something out of wrought iron.



**Advanced Class:**

**May 6 • 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Have you taken the beginner class or just want to learn more about blacksmithing? This class is for people with some blacksmithing experience. Learn some advanced techniques such as splitting, punching and forge welding.

At the end of each class you will have something to take home with you! This is a hands-on class, so wear clothes you won't mind getting dirty. Also, please bring safety glasses and a pair of work gloves.

Course Id:  
BBS-01-17 (Beginner)  
ABS-01-17 (Advanced)  
Price: \$20 Member FoA, each class  
\$25 Non-member, each class  
Class limit: 4 (2 minimum)

Level: Beginner / Advanced  
Instructor: Charlie Wiltrout

Health Scale: 



#### Summer Harvest Farm Tour

**July 22 or 29 • 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.**

Harvest time depends on the type of crops grown on the Farm. On this one-day trip, we will visit several farms and note their similarities and differences.

Our first stop is at Growing Acres Farm, a produce farm that will be in peak harvest season harvesting cabbage. We will tour the farm and learn all about their crops from planting to harvest. Last year, they donated more than 200,000 pounds of cabbage to food banks!

Stay tuned for information on the remaining two stops!


Course Id: FRM-02-17  
Price: \$50 Member FoA,  
\$60 Non-member  
Class limit: 11 (8 minimum)

Level: Beginner  
Instructor: Jenn Starcher

**Notes About Trip:** The price includes transportation and guided tours. Please bring money for lunch, as meals are not included in the trip fee. Depart from Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center at 8:00 a.m. and return at approx. 5:00 p.m. Please dress for the weather.

Full payment must be made by July 15. For more information, contact Jenn Starcher at 937-890-2968, ext. 204.



Health Scale: 

*New Physical Activity Rating: All activities are good for your health! Whether physical health, mental health, or both, you will enhance your skills and your well-being!*



*Little physical activity*



*Moderate physical activity*



*Vigorous physical activity*



## UPCOMING ECO-TOURS

### Miami Valley Winery Tour

**August 26 • 1:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Want to learn more about local wineries? This trip will visit a few wineries close to home to learn how they produce wine here in Ohio. The first stop is at Olde Schoolhouse Winery in Dover, Ohio. What was once a schoolhouse, was turned into a seed company, and is now a winery with a vineyard! The old schoolhouse was converted into a tasting room.

Our second stop will be Old Mason Winery in West Milton. The owners wanted to bring a winery to the community because of their love of visiting other wineries. What started out as a hobby has grown over time into this winery. Old Mason also offers appetizers such as summer sausage, cheese blocks, spreads and crackers.

The final stop is a distinctive winery called AR Winery. We'll visit the farm to sip their one-of-a-kind wines. Some of their fruity wines are apple, blueberry, strawberry, tropical, peach, and more! AR Winery also has wood-fired brick oven pizzas. Come learn more about some new local wineries on this unique tour!

Course Id: WRY-01-17

Price: \$50 Member FoA,

\$60 Non-member

Class limit: 11 (8 minimum)

Level: Beginner

Instructor: Jenn Starcher



Health Scale:



Notes About Trip: The price includes transportation, guided tours, and tastings at each winery. Please bring money for any snacks or dinner, as meals are not included in the trip fee. Depart from Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center at 1:00 p.m. and return at approx. 7:30 p.m. Please dress for the weather.

Full payment must be made by August 5. For more information, contact Jenn Starcher at 937-890-2968, ext. 204.

## Center for Lifelong Learning Registration Form

Aullwood's Center for Lifelong Learning is designed to expand your knowledge of our natural world and to help improve the quality and sustainability of everyday life.

If you have any questions, contact Jenn Starcher, [jstarcher@audubon.org](mailto:jstarcher@audubon.org) at 937-890-2968 ext. 204 or Barbara Trick, [btrick@audubon.org](mailto:btrick@audubon.org) at 937-890-7360 ext. 210.

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