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GLOW: Nature at Night

GLOW: Nature at Night
will return for two nights only:
October 20-21
from 6:30-9:30 p.m.
at Aullwood Farm
9101 Frederick Pike

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GLOW Nature at Night



Ken Fasimpaur

Save the Date – Oct. 20-21



Ken Fasimpaur

GLOW: Nature at Night

is back and better than ever!

Experience Aullwood Farm lit up with glowing lights and adorn yourself with unique glow items such as hats, rings and necklaces or have fun brandishing your glow-in-the-dark sword! Thrill to fire and LED entertainers and laughs with Chris Rowlands as he sings new and old songs.

Children of all ages will enjoy our special GLOW activities and games. Watch your beloved Enchanted Forest creatures as they share their life stories in fun and entertaining interactions inside the Farm Discovery Center. Grab a flashlight and follow a naturalist on a night hike to seek out illusive night creatures.

Enjoy the cool fall evening as you roast hot dogs and marshmallows and make a s'more over a crackling fire, or indulge your taste buds by visiting a variety of local food trucks.

You won't want to miss GLOW!!

Admission:

Friends of Aullwood:

Adults (ages 12+)	\$5.00
Children (ages 3-11)	3.00

Non-Members:

Adults (ages 12+)	\$6.00
Children (ages 3-11)	4.00
Children (2 and under)	FREE

Red-tailed Hawk,
Smooth Sumac and
spider web cover photos
by Mike Mushala



I'm Feeling Light as a Feather

Alexis R. Faust
Executive Director

"A wise old owl lived in an oak
The more he saw the less he spoke
The less he spoke the more he heard.
Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?"

— Oxford Dictionary of Nursery Rhymes

I believe there are times — when the world becomes a very serious place — that one needs to lighten the soul. As a Chinese proverb proclaims, you may not be able to prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building a nest in your hair.

I've always been fascinated by the origin of slogans, sayings, expressions, and mottos. You may not realize how many of these apothegms and catchphrases relate to our feathered friends. I felt I should share some of them with you in the hope that a good turn of phrase will make you sing like a canary.

The first thing you should always remember, my little chickadee, is to never accidentally use the phrase "kill two birds with one stone" at a National Audubon Society meeting, like I recently did. My colleagues were on me like a duck on a June bug. I told them that there really was not another phrase that quite caught the true meaning of that particular saying, but they thought my excuse was for the birds. I tried to challenge them to find an alternative, which, if it could be done, would really be something worth crowing about, but I didn't get any takers. I guess sometimes you just have to wing it alone. What about pulling two weeds with one hand, or tickling two tummies with one finger? You see what I mean, right? It's just not the same.

Of course not all of these maxims are a put-down of our avian friends or a detrimental reference to their existence. Now that I'm no longer a spring chicken, I'd love to have back the hawk-eyed vision of my youth. That, of course, is just not going to happen. Who wouldn't want to soar like an eagle, or sit in the catbird's seat? There are many things about birds that I find quite enviable. Imagine being able to get to work as the crow flies, skipping I-75 entirely. Or having a home in Phoenix like the rest of the snow birds. Or being the goose that laid the golden egg. One can always dream.

In the end, perhaps I should just settle for being a wise old owl. As for you, go be as happy as a lark, as crazy as a loon, or as silly as a goose. Just enjoy yourselves!



*Barred owl in
oak tree*



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Aullwood Nature Store

The One-Stop Holiday Shop

This premiere event brings your favorite area museum stores, community non-profit organizations and local artisans together in one location for a one-stop holiday shopping experience. Many unique gifts, ranging from handmade jewelry and pottery to museum treasures and one-of-a-kind finds, are all waiting to be discovered. Browse old favorites like the Dayton Art Institute, Missing Peace Art Space, Westcott House, Wegerzyn Gift & Garden Shop, the Garst Museum Gift Shop and many familiar returning local artists. We also have some new artisans joining us this year to help make your holiday shopping a delightful experience.

And, when you need a few minutes to recharge and review your shopping list, you can visit the Aullwood Café for warm soups, delicious sandwiches and tempting sweet morsels.

We will again be at one location, the Aullwood Nature Center, on Saturday, November 18 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.



Museum Store Sunday

November 26, 2017

We are all familiar with Black Friday, Shop Small Saturday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday. Now add Museum Store Sunday. Aullwood's Nature Store and Gift Shop is participating in this global celebration that puts the spotlight on quality mission-related products.

On this special Sunday, Aullwood will have extended hours from 11:00 am-5:00 pm and admission will be free at the Center and Farm. Surprises are in store so don't miss this special day.

Art Quilt Exhibit

Spots, Stripes & Shapes in Nature

Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm and the Miami Valley Art Quilt Network are delighted to present our 25th Annual Art Quilt Exhibit from **September 16 through November 4**.

From ladybugs to mushrooms, zebras to birch trees, stingrays to oak leaves, the colors catch our eye and the shapes stimulate our imagination. We may be fascinated by the design, but in nature, these markings may make the difference between life and death. They can lure, repel, expose or protect. Will your colors attract a mate? Will your design trap tonight's dinner?

Art quilts may be abstract or representational, whimsical or thought provoking, hand or machine quilted and use any type of fabric. The imagination of these artists is boundless.

Juror Amy Deal, a resident of Dayton, is an award-winning fine artist and freelance visual communicator who has worked in many media situations, from lead designer/art director to facilitator of intergenerational group art projects.

A reception for the artists will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome.



She Paints With Fabric by Pam Geisel.

Breakfast with Woodland Santa

Woodland Santa is coming to Aullwood Nature Center on December 9th! Join Santa and his friends at the Marie S. Aull Education Center for a morning of great food, exciting entertainment and holiday fun. The morning begins at 9:30 a.m. with cookie decorating, crafts and a delicious holiday buffet breakfast. Next, Santa's chief assistant, our own Chris Rowlands, will get everyone in the holiday mood with songs and stories. And, Santa mentioned a special treat is being planned! Finish the morning shopping for wonderful holiday gifts at Aullwood's Nature Store & Gift Shop or take advantage of the private candle dipping opportunity at Aullwood Farm.

Each guest will receive a voucher for dipping one beeswax taper, a holiday gift bag, and a \$5 off coupon for the Aullwood Nature Store & Gift Shop.

As in the past, Santa and Aullwood are working with local organizations to give back to our community. We are asking everyone to bring a new toy and/or non-perishable food item to be donated to those in need of some extra special kindness.

Remember, make your reservation early — this wonderful event sells out every year!

Sponsored in part by Woods & Woods Associates.



*Singing with
Woodland Santa*

*Dec. 9, 2017
9:30-11:30a.m.
1000 Aullwood Rd,
Dayton, OH*

Breakfast with Woodland Santa Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Adult members @ \$20 = \$ _____ Child member (2 and over) @ \$15 = \$ _____

Adult non-members @ \$25 = \$ _____ Child non-member (2 and over) @ \$18 = \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

Check enclosed (*payable to National Audubon Society*)

Visa / MasterCard / Discover # _____

Exp. Date _____ CVV# _____

Return completed form by **November 20, 2017** to:
Breakfast with Woodland Santa, 1000 Aullwood Road, Dayton, OH 45414



Buckeyes

Naturally Curious

Go Bucks!

By Nicole Conrad
Education Manager

Did you know there are two kinds of buckeyes commonly found in Ohio? In our area we are most familiar with the Ohio buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*), but the yellow buckeye (*Aesculus octandra*) can also be found in our area, though the yellow buckeye is more commonly found in the southeastern portion of Ohio. Other buckeye trees, the red buckeye (*Aesculus pavia*) and the painted buckeye *Aesculus sylvatica* are found in North America but do not naturally grow in the wild in Ohio.

Buckeye trees get their name from the Native Americans who noticed the seed looks like the eye of a buck or male deer. Ohioans got the nickname name “buckeyes” from William Henry Harrison’s 1840 presidential campaign. Harrison’s campaign song refers to buckeyes several times and as a result the citizens of Ohio became known as the buckeyes. The Ohio buckeye was designated as the state tree of Ohio in 1953. Buckeyes are considered good luck when carried in your pocket.

The Ohio buckeye tree is often an understory tree but can reach a height of 60 feet. Leaves are opposite, palmately compound (their leaves look like a hand with its fingers extended) with each leaf having five leaflets. The Ohio buckeye leaves are prone to scorching and diseases so many trees lose their leaves by late summer. The buds are reddish brown with overlapping scales. It has yellow-green flowers in early spring. The seed is encased in a spiny golden-brown husk with seeds ripening and falling off trees in September into October. Some species of squirrel will eat buckeye seeds but it has little value to other wildlife. The seeds, leaves and bark are toxic and bitter tasting so they should not be consumed.



Ohio Buckeye leaves and flowers

Julie Makin



For more information, contact Nicole Conrad, Education Manager, at 937-890-7360, extension 217 or nconrad@audubon.org



Ohio Buckeye bud

Julie Makin



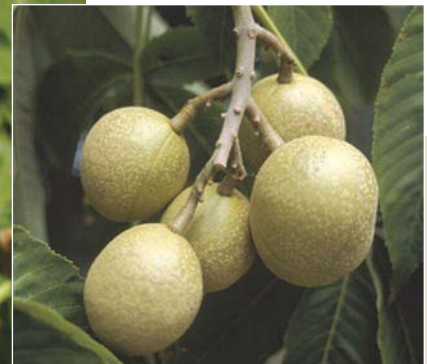
Red Buckeye leaves and flowers

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Ohio Buckeye seed

Montana State University



Yellow Buckeye fruit

ODNR Forestry



Horsechestnut fruit

The Ohio buckeye tree and the yellow buckeye tree may look similar but if you look closely there are differences. The yellow buckeye is the tallest buckeye and can reach 80 feet in height. Yellow buckeye leaves are similar to the Ohio buckeye but are a little larger. The Ohio buckeye has a spiny husk, while the yellow buckeye has a smooth light-brown husk with seeds growing in a cluster.

The red buckeye is a large shrub to a small tree only growing about 30 feet in height and more commonly found in the southern states. The most recognizable features of the red buckeye are the dark red flowers that bloom in the spring and the shrubby appearance. The painted buckeye is a large shrub or small tree only reaching 20 feet in height. It is most commonly found in the south. The distinguishing features are the more oval shaped leaflets and the yellow flowers that are sometimes tinged with red.

A tree that looks similar to buckeyes is the horsechestnut tree (*Aesculus hippocastanum*). This tree is native to Europe but has been planted in landscapes around North America. There are a number of differences between horsechestnuts and buckeyes. Horsechestnuts have a leaf with seven leaflets. They also have large, creamy white flowers and buds that are large and sticky. The seeds of the horsechestnut are larger, duller brown seeds with a larger white center.

Buckeye trees are often valued for their showy flowers in the spring and their pretty orange leaves in the fall. Buckeye flowers are a good source of nectar for birds and butterflies. Historically parts of the buckeye tree have been used as medicine, jewelry, hats, utensils, baskets and prosthetic limbs. If you are partial to Ohio buckeye trees and don't yet have one in your yard, visit Aullwood's Native Plant sale in April when many native trees, grasses and perennials will be available.



Chipmunk Adventures

Aullwood's Chipmunk Adventures Preschool Classes

October 24 — December 19, 2017

Fall is a wonderful time for youngsters to come to Aullwood to discover the natural world and the farm. Hands-on experiences with nature are not only essential for physical and emotional healthy childhood development, they are also fun! Children enrolled in Aullwood's Chipmunk Adventure Preschool classes will enjoy outdoor experiences, stories, songs, crafts and Aullwood's live animals. Children should be dressed for all possible weather conditions because we will go outside unless severe weather threatens. Classes will be 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 more information call 937-890-7360.



Bev Holland

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:

Orange Pumpkins	Oct. 24	Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Black Bears	Nov. 14	Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
White Snow is Coming (Farm)	Dec. 19	Tuesday 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Individual classes:

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

Class limit: 10 (5 minimum)

Nature Notes



Chris Rowlands 2017

Red-tailed Hawk

Limited edition prints of Chris Rowlands' "Red-tailed Hawk" are available at the Aullwood Nature Store, 1000 Aullwood Road, \$30 for 8"x10", \$50 for 11"x14"

29th Fourth of July Butterfly Census



Zabulon Skipper

Monarchs, Swallowtails and Skippers

Picture a scenic lake with beautiful pink, bushy flowers dotting the landscape surrounding the lake. Now add a dozen large, majestic orange and black butterflies gracefully fluttering through the air and nectaring from the pink flowers. This is not a dream, but the sight our butterfly monitors witnessed during Aullwood's Fourth of July Butterfly Census through the North American Butterfly Association! On July 29, we saw a dozen beautiful Monarchs nectaring on Swamp Milkweed around the lake at Englewood MetroPark!

After observing no Monarchs during the 2016 count, we were hoping to see a few of these regal butterflies. We were ecstatic to encounter 21 Monarch butterflies throughout the day. We haven't seen this many Monarchs since 2010! Monarch butterflies continue to need your help! Caterpillars only eat milkweed leaves, so plant native milkweed species such as Common Milkweed, Butterfly Milkweed, Swamp Milkweed and Sullivant's Milkweed. The adult butterflies need nectaring sources, so plant native wildflowers that bloom in mid-July, August and September. The nectar sources adult Monarchs use are also utilized by so many other important pollinators, such as butterflies, bees and birds!

Monarchs were just one of the 33 awesome butterflies and skipper species we encountered! We observed 23 swallowtails — a Pipevine, Giants, Eastern Tiger and Spicebush Swallowtails. We also spotted an American Painted Lady, which we haven't seen on the count since 1999! The following butterflies and skippers set new count records, having the greatest abundance in count history: Silvery Checkerspots (10), Zabulon Skippers (20) and Swarthy Skippers (4). After 29 years of participating in this count, I am always amazed when we set new records! In total, we counted 226 individual butterflies, which is lower than in past years. Each year the diversity and abundance of butterflies observed is always a surprise!

Many thanks to the 5 volunteers who monitored for 6 hours and walked 5.5 miles in search of these fluttering beauties at Aullwood Audubon meadows and prairies, Aullwood Garden MetroPark and at Englewood MetroPark. Each volunteer brings a fresh set of eyes and enthusiasm to the group! We hope you can join us for our 30th year of participating in this count — save the date for July 21, 2018!

If you can't wait a whole year for the 2018 count, join us for weekly butterfly monitoring at Aullwood — every additional set of eyes help us spot these majestic creatures. Contact Sarah Alverson at 937-908-7360, ext. 218 or salverson@audubon.org to join the weekly monitoring or to receive a list of butterflies seen on the Fourth of July Butterfly Census.



American Painted Lady



Silvery Checkerspot



Monarch butterfly

Leanne Brown



Invasive Plant Watch



Buckthorn berries



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



Common Buckthorn bark

By Sarah Alverson
Environmental Education Specialist

Many invasive plants are challenging to control because they produce an abundance of seeds, have long growing seasons (leafing out before and remaining after native plants), grow quickly, thrive in a variety of habitats and have thorns or other forms of protection. Common Buckthorn is an invasive shrub that has all those traits!

Common Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*) grows in woods, on woodland edges, prairies, fields, along roadsides and open areas. Shrubs grow to heights of 10-25 feet and produce multiple stems with brown-gray bark that darkens and peels with age. With long lenticles or white spots on the bark, buckthorn bark resembles native cherry and plum bark. However, Common Buckthorn also produces thorns at the ends of twigs. Common Buckthorn leaves are shiny, dark green, mostly opposite, ovate with slightly toothed margins and contain veins that curve toward the rounded or pointed leaf tip. Clusters of black berries ripen in August or September.

Similar to invasive honeysuckle and Autumn Olive, buckthorn shrubs produce dense shade that prevents native tree seedlings and herbaceous plants from growing. In areas with thick buckthorn colonies, there are no native plants growing in the understory, which greatly affects the trajectory of the forest and the ability of animals to find food. Buckthorn seeds are also a severe laxative to birds, resulting in a loss of energy for the birds.

Small buckthorns can easily be hand pulled and medium shrubs removed with a leverage tool. Fall is the perfect time to



Common Buckthorn leaves

implement chemical control on buckthorn since many of the native plants have already gone dormant and the natural sap flow will pull the chemical down to the roots. A 1.5-2% solution of glyphosate can be applied to the majority of the leaves on the shrub. Note: glyphosate is a non-selective herbicide that will kill most plants it contacts, so be careful when applying. You can also cut down the shrub and immediately apply a 20-25% solution of glyphosate to the stump (if you purchase the pre-diluted chemical at the store, it will be too diluted to kill the plant). Chemical must be applied to the cut stumps or growth will reoccur. Lastly, for shrubs less than 6" in diameter, you can apply a 12.5% triclopyr solution (formulated for use with a penetrating oil) to the lower 12-18" of the stem. While treating buckthorn, remove any honeysuckle you have in your yard at the same time. Both buckthorn and honeysuckle can be removed using the techniques described above!

Now that you have removed Common Buckthorn, start envisioning what your dream yard would look like. Do you want natural privacy, beautiful plants or to attract wildlife? Go native and plant native wildflowers, grasses, trees and shrubs that can provide the beauty, privacy and wildlife that you will enjoy!

The Horse-powered Farm

By Sam Wickham

It is a pleasure to observe people working with horses to manage the land. In modern times, unless you are driving through Amish country, it is unique to witness the engagement of these gentle giants in a farm operation. However, before and during World War I, draft horses were enlisted to perform the majority of public works and agricultural heavy lifting. With the advent of the internal combustion engine and the introduction of the Fordson Tractor in 1917, came the steady decline of draft-powered operations. This advance in technology is generally thought to have increased efficiency, initiating a new era and scale of agriculture.

Despite our abundance of sophisticated farm machinery, the draft horse is still relevant today. A farmer or land manager is tasked with utilizing the most suitable tools at his or her disposal to responsibly care for the land. Just as the tractor is commended for its efficiency and power, so should the draft horse be recognized for his dexterity, strength and spirited personality. On the small farm, a draft horse is nimble enough to maneuver through the woods to access fallen trees, tapped maple trees, and beyond. Furthermore, these animals can perform in any type of weather, performing in feet of snow. These animals have been bred to work and thrive on regular exercise.

It is worth mentioning during my ode to the working horse that they are fueled by a renewable resource: grass! As the price and availability of fossil fuels are at the mercy of consumption and the market, we can rest assured that we have a source of power which can be fueled by sunshine, rain and fertile soil. Speaking of fertility, draft horses give back to the farm in the form of their manure, which replenishes the nutrients the grass and crops need to grow. However, as anyone who has had the pleasure to work with draft horses knows, the best gift that horses can give is the chance to learn from them. Working with animals teaches patience and encourages empathy and an appreciation of the natural world.

Here at Aullwood Farm we have the good fortune to work with our two Belgian draft horses Mick and Red. Throughout the year we rely on them to pull logs out of the sugar bush, spread compost, and pull our visitors around on wagon ride tours of the farm. Our steadfast volunteers, Charlie Wilttrout and Eric Hagemeyer, and farm staff drive the team through these tasks, knowing full well that the horses are partners in the work rather than a merely a tool. Mick and Red are approaching eighteen years of age, and so we continue to adjust the amount and intensity of exercise that they receive. Age is starting to show itself as we notice Mick experiencing mild arthritis. We owe it to our old friends to plan for their retirement, so that they may continue to enjoy a high quality of life beyond their working days. Although retirement is not necessarily imminent, we must remember to enjoy our passing moments with these two horses, to whom we owe much humility and joy.



Red and Mick — Aullwood's draft horses



Mike Mushala

Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

October 2017 Programs

October is a beautiful month with clear blue skies and brilliant autumn colors. Visit Aullwood and take a hike on the trails to observe the changing fall colors. 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.

October 1

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

October 2

Volunteer Training:
Astronomy and the Solar System
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)

October 5, 12, 19, 26

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

October 8

Free Admission Day (Center and Farm)

October 8

Butler Township Bicentennial Festival
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Farm)

October 9

Aullwood Closed – Columbus Day

October 14

Pumpkins: A Smashing Good Time Farm Walk 2:30 p.m. (Farm)

October 17

Volunteer Day:
GLOW Setup 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. or
1:00-3:00 p.m. (Farm)

October 20 & 21

GLOW: Nature at Night
6:30-9:30 p.m. (Farm)

October 23

Volunteer Day:
GLOW Take down
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)

October 24

Chipmunk Adventures: Orange Pumpkins 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)

October 28

Beginner Nature Photography*
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)

October 30

Volunteer Field Trip: Falls of the Ohio River 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Depart from Center)
• See Center for Lifelong Learning Insert.



Draft Horse Wagon Rides

Sunday, October 1 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)



Draft horse wagon rides

Morning Discovery Walks for Adults

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19, 26 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Meet us in the lobby of the Nature Center for the start of morning discovery walks then walk along Aullwood's beautiful trails to explore the changes taking place at Aullwood. Bring binoculars! (Center)

Butler Township Bicentennial Festival

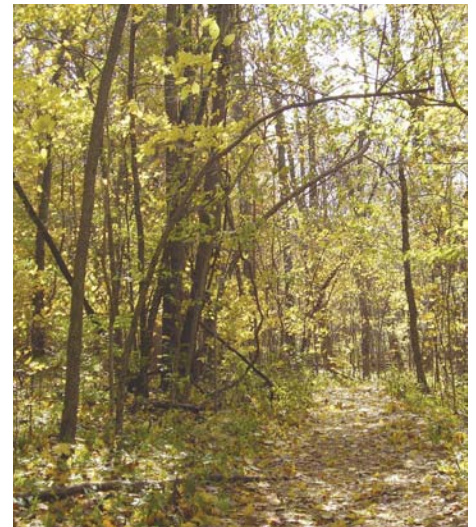
Sunday, October 8 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Farm). Butler Township is planning a party that's been 200 years in the making. Come to Aullwood Farm for great entertainment, food trucks and fun for all ages. Kids will enjoy face painting, arts and crafts, Chris Rowland's musical programs, and wagon rides. Admission is free for all!



October pumpkins

Pumpkins: A Smashing Good Time Farm Walk

Saturday, October 14 starting at 2:30 p.m. Experience the beauty of fall at the farm. Hike through leaves of different colors and listen to the leaves crunch beneath your feet. Learn all about pumpkins – from spring plantings to baking pumpkin seeds. Paint a pumpkin to take home and help feed the cows a pumpkin for their dinner. Enjoy the autumn season at the farm! (Farm)



Trail in the Fall

November 2017 Programs

November is a wonderful time to visit Aullwood! Make your own beeswax candle, volunteer to help count birds for Project Feeder-Watch or start your holiday shopping early at the One Stop Holiday Shop. 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. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

November 2, 9, 16, 30

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

November 4

Bird Seed Sale
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Farm)

November 4

Free Admission Day. (Center and Farm)

November 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 Candle Dipping
2:30 p.m. (Center and Farm)

November 6

Aullwood Closed to the Public –
Staff Work Day (Center and Farm)

November 13

Volunteer Training: Working with the
Littles 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)

November 14

Chipmunk Adventures: Black Bears
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Center)

November 16, 17, 30

Project FeederWatch
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Center)

November 18

One Stop Holiday Shop
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Center)
Free Admission.

November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving – Aullwood Closed

November 26

Museum Store Sunday
11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Center and Farm) Free Admission.

November 27

Volunteer Field Trip:
Boonshoft Museum of
Discovery 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
(Depart from Center)

Morning Discovery Walks for Adults

Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 30 from
8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Aullwood's ever
changing trails reveal many new and
exciting findings. Meet us in the lobby
of the Nature Center for the start
of morning discovery walks.
Bring binoculars! (Center)

Candle Dipping

Saturdays and Sundays, November 4,
5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26 starting at 2:30
p.m. Learn about candles, bees, lighting
and conservation in this fun hands-on
program, then enjoy making a red
and/or blue colored candle with your
family and friends. The cost is a gen-
eral admission fee of \$5.00/adults and
\$3.00/child (members of Friends of
Aullwood and National Audubon
Society are admitted free) plus
\$2.00* for each candle made.

**Please note that candles are now made
from pure beeswax. (Farm)*



Great Horned owl

Project FeederWatch

Thursday and Friday, November 16,
17, 30 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Come
count birds, drink coffee, eat donuts,
share stories and count more birds.
Our bird counts help contribute to
scientific studies at the Cornell Lab of
Ornithology. Check out the Cornell
website at feederwatch.org for more
information. (Center)



Photo: Martha Allen/Cornell Lab of Ornithology

Friends of Aullwood Bird Seed Sale

November 4, 2017

The Aullwood Bird Seed sale
is right around the corner on
Saturday, November 4,
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
at the Charity A. Krueger Farm
Discovery Center.

It's time to get your winter
supply of bird seed to keep our
feathered friends warm and
happy.

Remember to place your order
ahead of time so that we don't
run out! Order forms are
available at both the nature
center and the farm. They are
also available on-line at
[https://aullwood.audubon.org/
BirdseedSale](https://aullwood.audubon.org/BirdseedSale)



Mike Mushala

Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

December 2017 Programs

Aullwood's December activities provide lots of fun for the entire family. Don't just sit at home and hibernate, come join the fun and celebrate the holiday season!

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.

December 1, 14, 15

Project FeederWatch
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Center)

December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23

Candle Dipping 2:30 p.m. (Farm)

December 4

Volunteer Training: Farm Programs
9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)

December 7, 14, 21

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

December 9

Breakfast with Woodland Santa
9:30-11:30 a.m. (Center)

December 11

Volunteer Field Trip:
Cincinnati Zoo PNC Festival of Lights
5:00-9:30 p.m. (Depart from Center)

December 16

Gingerbread House Making
Workshop* 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(Farm)

December 19

Chipmunk Adventures: White Snow is
Coming 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Farm)

December 24 – January 1

Holiday Observance –
Aullwood Closed (Center and Farm)
*See Center for Lifelong Learning Insert

Project FeederWatch

Thursday and Friday, December 1, 14, 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Come count birds, drink coffee, eat donuts, share stories and count more birds. Our bird counts help contribute to scientific studies at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Check out the Cornell website at feederwatch.org for more information. (Center)

Candle Dipping

Saturdays and Sundays, December 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 starting at 2:30 p.m. Learn about candles, bees, lighting and conservation in this fun hands-on program, then enjoy making a red and/or blue colored candle with your family and friends. The cost is a general admission fee of \$5.00/adults and \$3.00/child (members of Friends of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free) plus \$2.00* for each candle made. **Please note that candles are now made from pure beeswax.* (Farm)



Dipping the taper into hot wax



The finished candle

Morning Discovery Walks for Adults

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Join us on this fun walk as we experience the frosty landscape, birds and other exciting discoveries. Meet us in the lobby of the Nature Center for the start of morning discovery walks. Bring binoculars! (Center)



Bald Eagle

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Snow in creek

Adopt an Animal

Are you looking for a unique gift that also makes a difference? Then Adopt an Animal at Aullwood! Our education animals are some of the best teachers. They give children an unmatched opportunity to learn through observation and interaction. They are at the very core of our programming, and many of our programs and events just wouldn't be possible without them.

There's a great new way to show your appreciation for our education animals; you can adopt them! When you adopt, you are recognized with a personalized sign on your animal's enclosure. You even receive a profile of your animal that includes a photo and biography, and a beautiful certificate of adoption, signed personally by our director! Adoption fees range from \$30-\$100 depending on the animal, and your fee supports the care and wellbeing of that animal for one year from the date paid.

One of the things that our visitors return for time and time again are Aullwood's education animals. They win the hearts of children and adults alike day after day. Whether it's the honey bees or the box turtles, you've probably made a connection with them at one point or another. It's impossible to imagine Aullwood without them. Please consider adopting one of Aullwood's education animals, and make the choice to support the unique programming that we offer!



*Contact Aullwood at 937-890-7360
for an Adopt-an-Animal Form.*



October prairie at Aullwood

Volunteer Corner

October – November – December 2017

Mike Mushala

Featured Volunteers – YOU!

You had so many accomplishments this year, the staff wanted to make sure everyone knows how much you contribute to Aullwood's success!

Designing Divas **Judi Hill, Janie Gehman and Kathy Anderson** could have their own Pinterest page! Their creativity sparked two highly popular fairy house displays along the Birds, Flight and the Wright Trail. Judi, Janie and Kathy's imaginative minds went into high gear as they helped create a spectacular white-themed atmosphere at RiverScape for Aullwood en Blanc. A big event crew helped make the evening one that guests and volunteers are still talking about! Thanks to **Dansen Brown, Carole Hansberry, Jane and Andy Higgins, Michael and Sharita Cospy, Cora Hodgson, Yauching Jasinski, Orpha Justiss, Karen Kent, Diana Kozuh, Marie Lewis, Linda Maddox, Teresa Mott, Mike Mushala, Mary Olt, Idele Ports, Amy and Kevin Rehfus, Barb Runyon, Mandy and Matthew Slaven, Mikki White and Bruce Wooley** for all their help at en Blanc.

Eileen Roberts is the reason the native beds immediately around the Nature Center, the Bird Watching area, and the terrarium in the plant classroom look so attractive to birds, butterflies and visitors alike.

Doris Hinegardner is invaluable to our office manager, **Barbara Trick**. Doris puts things in order and helps with many behind-the-scenes projects. **Mikki White** exceeds her 10,000 steps per day helping Barbara at our large festivals.

We are so appreciative of our Citizen Science volunteers. Collecting scientific data can be enlightening and exciting as well as tedious. Dayton Airport Bird Monitors **Dansen Brown, Yvonne Cecil, David Collopy, Lee Reed and Mike and Marilyn Shade** are contributing valuable information that may help lower or avert bird-plane strikes. The data they collected resulted in some important information. During 2016, volunteers observed 84 species. Bird species richness was greater in native warm season grass polycultures, followed by switchgrass monocultures, corn and soybeans. Preliminary analyses indicates that prairie sites are habitats that attract low hazard birds such as Chipping Sparrows, Eastern Kingbirds and Meadowlarks when compared to agricultural sites which attract Canada Geese, American Crows and European Starlings.

Volunteers **Karen Offenbacher, Pat Burnside and Leanne Brown** often step forward to lead Long-Term Butterfly Monitoring walks where they identify and collect data on butterfly populations that show important trends and the effects of climate change and habitat loss, especially on Monarchs.

Gary and Carolyn Harpel and Chris Birch lead the equally important Project FeederWatch, a collaboration with Cornell Lab of Ornithology that helps scientists track movement of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance. These three also create a welcoming environment for birders of all levels — the delicious baked creations and a cup of hot coffee on a cold winter day are especially appreciated by participants.

Eileen Roberts, Pat Burnside, Trish Miller, Pat Langen, Mike Runyon and James Lemaster ensure that Aullwood's Eastern Bluebird population continues to thrive while controlling House Sparrow attempts to co-opt the new houses **James Lemaster** made and installed at the Center and Farm.

Volunteer Naturalists **Pat Burnside, Bob and Jean Lorenzetti, Jean Bindeman, Hank Vaughan, Virginia Wysong, Nancy Nerny, Louise Zaplitney, Mike O'Callaghan, Mary Harris, Linda Shapiro, Cindy Talley and Gary Harpel** are some of the most dedicated people we know. School groups can be a complicated mix of enthusiastic, curious, wild, and bored students and chaperones. These volunteers inspire, teach and share their love of the natural world with these potential future conservationists in the rain, mud, snow, sleet and heat. This past year, the Education department served 120,000 students

More acknowledgements to come in the next newsletter!



Volunteers working at Aullwood en Blanc



Horned coral fossil at Falls of the Ohio River State Park

Diana Kozuh receives Marie S. Aull award



Diana Kozuh is the recipient of the 2017 Marie S. Aull Award.

Diana Kozuh became involved to Aullwood in 2004 through an employee volunteer fair at Time Warner. She is a Guest Services Volunteer at the Nature Center, assists at numerous special events, is part of the Bird-a-thon Birds Gone Wild Bird-a-thon team and hopes one day to be an artist as good as Chris Rowlands.

Congratulations Diana!



Pat Langen at Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area

Fall to Winter Volunteer Activities and Opportunities

For more information about these opportunities, please call Nenita Lapitan, Manager of Volunteer and Rental Services 937-890-7360, ext. 214 or email nlapitan@audubon.org.

Help Grow the Next Generation of Nature Conservationists

"If a child is to keep his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in."

— Rachel Carson

The Education Department is looking for 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! Minimum commitment of one 90-minute program once a week — you pick the date and time that works the best for your schedule. Orientation and training provided.

GLOW: Nature at Night (Farm)

October 20-21

5:45-9:45 p.m.

GLOW transforms the Farm into a glowing wonderland of luminescent colorful lights and action. Thrill to exciting fiery and brilliant entertainment and laugh along with Chris Rowlands. Beloved Enchanted Forest creatures will share new life stories and interactions inside the Farm Discovery Center. Volunteers assist in numerous ways: admissions, parking, the GLOW store, children's activities, as an animal character, the Selfie Station, the DIY hot dog and s'more roasting area and much more. On-line sign up link is:

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-glow1>

Friends of Aullwood Bird Seed Sale (Farm)

November 4

Help unload birdseed from a semi-truck and load into personal vehicles. Or greet customers and help with drop-in birdseed sales. This event is at the Farm. Heated shelter and complimentary hot drinks provided.

Order Takers:

8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m./12:30-4 p.m.
(two needed per shift)

Loaders: 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m./
11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m./2:15-4:45 p.m.
(six needed per shift)

On-line sign up link is:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044BADAEE2CA1F85-friends



One-Stop Holiday Shop (Center)

November 18

Visitors searching for unique holiday gifts attend our One-Stop Holiday Shop.

Multiple Shifts to choose from:

Visitor Counter/Greeter:

8:30-12:30 p.m./12:15-4:30 p.m.
(one needed)

Aullwood Café: 8:30-12:30 p.m./
12:15-4:30 p.m. (four needed)

Event Take Down: 5:00-6:30 p.m.
(six needed)

On-line sign up link is:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044BADAEE2CA1F85-onestop1



Breakfast with Woodland Santa (Center)

December 9

8:30-11:30 a.m.

Elves needed to assist with this fun family event. 6-8 elves to assist with serving food; 2 elves to supervise children in a simple make-and-take project and 2 elves to help children decorate holiday cookies. No tights or funny hats required. However, wearing of holiday attire is encouraged.

On-line sign up link is:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E044BADAEE2CA1F85-breakfast1





Birdathon 2017 – Thank You!

Aullwood's Birdathon 2017 was a tremendous success thanks to over 150 pledges and donations. Tuesday, May 2 and Wednesday, May 3 were the official dates. Team Tanager, Team Warbler, and Team Cardinal all worked together to identify a total of 121 species of birds!

Tom Hissong, Aullwood's Retired Education Manager, led Team Tanager to Tar Hollow State Park, Killdeer Plains Wildlife Area and the Lake Erie Marshes. Team Tanager identified 95 species!

Team Warbler birders identified 87 species! We would like to give a very special thank you to the amazing fundraising efforts of our very own Birds Gone Wild Team (part of Team Warbler). In this year alone they raised over \$6,000 from 107 donors — the highest ever raised by the Birds Gone Wild Team! Many gifts this year were made in memory of our dear friend Wendy Jacoby. Nicole Conrad, Aullwood Education Manager, Cheryl S. Johnson, Karen Beaty, Nenita Lapitan, Aullwood Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Alverson, Environmental Education & Land Management Specialist, Jenn Starcher, Aullwood Farm Assistant, Tara Pitstick, Aullwood Environmental Education Specialist, Dalynn Sours, Aullwood Nature Store Manager, Diana Kozuh, Aullwood Volunteer, and Robert Odon led this group to the Spring Valley Wildlife Area, Oakes Quarry Park, Eastwood Lake and Huffman Prairie. They returned to Aullwood to continue the bird-quest at Englewood & Aullwood Garden MetroParks, Dayton International Airport and Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm.

Dave Nolin, Five Rivers Metroparks retired Director of Conservation, led Team Cardinal on Aullwood's trails through the prairie, woodlands and marsh as well as Aullwood Garden MetroPark. This team identified 54 species of birds in only a few hours!

Support for Aullwood's Birdathon 2017 has been tremendous and we have raised \$16,581 to exceed our goal of \$15,000. These funds support our environmental education programs. Our deepest appreciation is extended to everyone who supported Birdathon!



Team Tanager

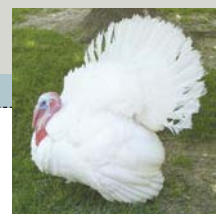


Birds Gone Wild Team



Riverdale Optimist Club

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From Farm to Plate

FRESH Free-Range TURKEY from Aullwood

Aullwood turkeys have eaten grasses, Non-GMO grains and insects and will be ready just in time for your special holiday meals. The cost is \$3.00/lb. Pre-order your turkeys now to be assured of availability.

NEW! Fresh turkeys will be ready for pick up at Aullwood Farm on Tuesday, November 21 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

*Questions? Contact Tara Pitstick
at 937-890-2968 ext 201 or
tpitstick@audubon.org.*

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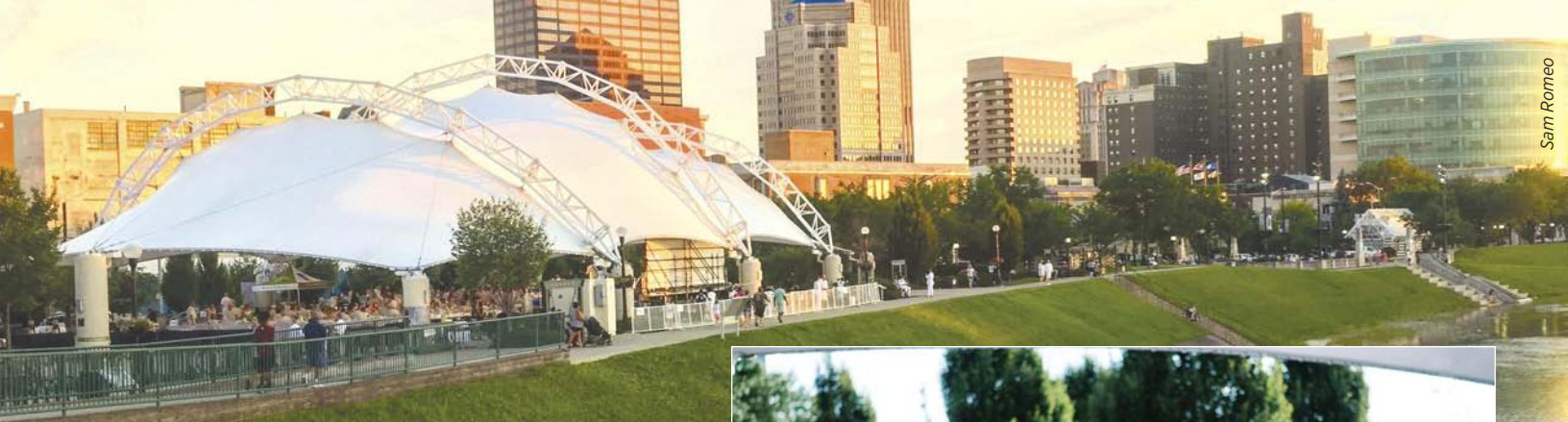
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***We will do our best to meet the desired weight you request but CANNOT GUARANTEE it. First come, first serve basis.**

Price is \$3.00/lb.

Please mark the number of turkeys at desired weight(s)*:

17-19 _____ 20- 24 _____ 25+ _____



Sam Romeo

Aullwood en Blanc 2017

A very special thank you to everyone who made our Diamond Jubilee 60th Anniversary Celebration — Aullwood en Blanc — on June 24, 2017 such a wonderful success! We appreciate all of our sponsors, volunteers, staff, attendees and many vendors for their participation in this one-of-a-kind event which helped raise funds in support of Aullwood's environmental educational programs at the heart of our mission to teach, inspire, and involve!

The evening was highlighted by glorious sunshine and soft breezes at RiverScape MetroPark Pavilion as 250 guests enjoyed delicious cuisine, fun with friends, dancing the night away while listening to the music of Hey Jimmy from Chicago, and celebrating the amazing and diverse talents of the youth in our community through poetry, dance, music and song.

We toasted Marie Aull and her gift of land and funds to create Aullwood, a place where children could explore and discover nature. Our 60 years of commitment to our regional communities will continue to be guided by Marie Aull's vision in teaching people of all ages about nature, stewardship of the earth, and farming!

Remember to SAVE THE DATE for June 23, 2018 for another amazing Aullwood en Blanc!



Guests at Aullwood en Blanc

Brianna Snyder



Brianna Snyder

Dancers from Stivers School for the Arts performing at RiverScape



Give a “Friends of Aullwood” Gift Membership

Remember to include gift memberships to Aullwood on your holiday shopping list. A Friends of Aullwood membership is the perfect gift that keeps on giving all year long! You may choose the size (family, single, student or grandparent) and be assured of a great fit!

Membership benefits include free general admission to the Nature Center and the Farm, subscription to the Aullwood newsletter, discounts at The Nature Store and Aullwood Farm, discounted fees on workshops and classes, free admission to Aullwood Apple Fest, as well as reciprocal admission to 150 nature centers nationwide!

You can call us at 937-890-7360 or stop by in person to arrange for a gift membership or to renew your own membership!

Visit www.aullwood.org for more information.



Mike Mushala



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Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

Dorothy Lane Market's Good Neighbor Program

Your purchases at Dorothy Lane Market will 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. Please keep in mind you must re-enroll each year for the Good Neighbor Program.



Kroger Community Rewards Program



Your shopping dollars 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 of your purchases from Kroger! Register your Kroger Plus Card online at 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

Heartfelt Thanks

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. Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm gratefully acknowledges a bequest left to Aullwood from the estate of Elizabeth F. Hornbeck. We welcome Elizabeth as a new member of The Aull Society (post-humously). She is part of Aullwood's vibrant, healthy future and her bequests reflect what we all cherish — the birds, animals and nature here at Aullwood that have brought joy to all of our lives.



Marie Aull

You, too, can make a difference and help to secure Aullwood's future and ensure that your values endure. Here are several suggestions that will enable you to provide a planned gift for Aullwood through financial planning. Giving opportunities come in many sizes, shapes and forms.

Bequest: This unrestricted gift has no conditions attached and is used at the discretion of the Friends of Aullwood Board of Trustees. It is a general purpose gift that is directed to the most pressing needs at the time of receipt.

Life Insurance: Name the Friends of Aullwood as the policy beneficiary. In some instances, the premiums for the policy may be taken as a tax deduction.

IRA: These are pre-tax dollars and are taxable when withdrawals are made. By naming the Friends of Aullwood as a beneficiary the remaining funds, if any, would pass to Aullwood as a charitable contribution.

CD: You can name the Friends of Aullwood as a beneficiary of these funds as a fully deductible charitable contribution.

Honorary or memorial bequest: You may give a gift in honor of or in memory of someone, a special life celebration or "just because." Your request will be honored as you deem appropriate.

Endowed bequest: Creating an endowment means that your gift will continue giving indefinitely. The Friends of Aullwood will hold the funds permanently and will use only a percentage of the interest earned on the funds each year. You determine how your gift is designated.

You and your financial advisor will determine what is right for your charitable gift giving. Should you choose Aullwood, please notify the Friends of Aullwood of your planned gift. You will immediately become a member of The Aull Society. As a member, you will receive recognition in Aullwood's annual report, invitations to special events as well as an invitation to and recognition at Aullwood's Annual Meeting event for planned gift donors.

For more information (with no obligation), please call Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360, extension 216.



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John & Terry Combs

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In memory of Don Olt, with
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LaVerna Walsh and Mary
Patty and Bob Wagner

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Freda Luers

In memory of William O. Smith, DVM
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In memory of Douglas Sollenberger, Sr.
Cynthia Doogan
Sarah Sillin

In memory of and to honor Susan Siehl
John Siehl
Timothy & Nancy Siehl

In honor of and with thanks to
Judy Blanton
Marianne Stephan

In celebration of Lora Stowe's birthday
Elaine Ressler

In gratitude for the Miami Valley
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Donna Melia

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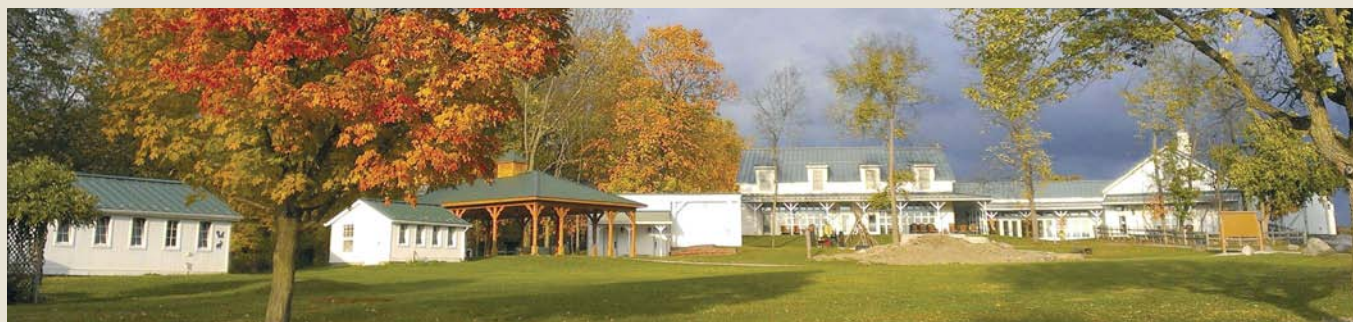
Aullwood offers a unique and beautiful site for your special occasion . . .

Looking for the perfect place to make treasured memories? Aullwood's Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center is the perfect setting for your celebration — a spacious room that accommodates up to 176 guests, porches, a covered pavilion with a fireplace and a clean, green, welcoming farm setting.

The Marie S. Aull Education Center offers a serene, natural atmosphere for up to 150 people in our auditorium. Smaller spaces also available at the Nature Center.

Both sites are suitable for weddings, receptions, business meetings/activities, conferences, company picnics, family reunions, memorial services, class reunions, graduations, retirement parties, holiday parties and other celebrations. Make memories that you'll treasure forever. Your guests will enjoy the relaxed ambiance and easy access to both the Farm Discovery Center and Nature Center from I-70 and I-75.

For rental information, call Nenita Lapitan at 937-890-7360, ext. 214.





Center for Lifelong Learning

Course Schedule: October–December 2017

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.

ADULT CLASS

Nature Photography for Beginners

Marie S. Aull Education Center

October 28 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Garner some “secret lore” from a nature photographer while sharing an odyssey of experiences and images. Learn how knowledge, observation, patience and persistence can bring rewarding experiences and fun! This indoor class will be followed by a photo hike. The fall landscape should be at its peak for you to try out your newly learned skills. The class will focus on taking pictures of plants, animals, barns, landscapes and more; not just the ins-and-outs of each piece of equipment. Attendees should expect surprises! If you would like, bring your own camera.

Course Id: PHT-01-17

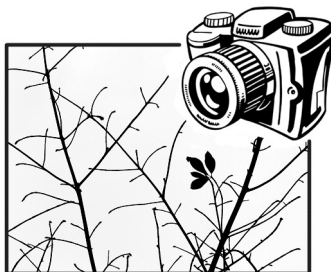
Price: \$25 Member FoA,

\$35 Non-member

Class limit: 15 (4 minimum)

Level: Beginner / Intermediate

Instructor: Jim Sage



Health Scale:



Moderate
physical activity

Gingerbread House Making Workshop

Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center

December 16 • 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Have you always wanted to make a gingerbread house? Here is your chance to create a sweet treat. Discover a quick and easy way to build a miniature holiday house; a spicy twist on the traditional treat!

Learn how to build a house out of graham crackers (approx. size 5" x 2.5" x 5" undecorated).

Learn the tricks of cutting the crackers and constructing the house. Then, decorate a pre-made house. Use brightly colored candy for a traditional house or go rustic with nuts, seeds and berries.

Take home templates, recipes and decorating tools as well as the miniature house you decorate.

Enroll in the class yourself or as a family to make a village.

Course Id: GHM-01-17

Price: \$15 Member FoA / \$25 Non-member

Family of up to 4 people: (Ages 7 and up)

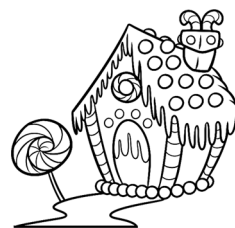
\$40 Member FoA / \$50 Non-member

*Family Workshop Pricing consists of 2 adults maximum and children under the age of 18.

Class limit: 30 (6 minimum)

Level: Beginner / Intermediate

Instructors: Jenn Starcher & Donna Zobrist



Health Scale:



Little
physical activity

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 at 937-890-2968 ext. 204 or Barbara Trick, btrick@audubon.org at 937-890-7360 ext. 210.

Course Id: _____ Fee: _____ Course Id: _____ Fee: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

For Chipmunk Adventures: Name of Child: _____ Age: _____

Method of payment: ☐ Cash ☐ Check enclosed: \$ _____

Charge my credit card: ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover (circle one)

Account Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ CVV Code _____

Completed forms can be mailed to:

Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm, 1000 Aullwood Rd, Dayton, OH 45414

There will be no refund for a cancellation less than 7 days before a class. A refund minus a \$5.00 processing fee will be made for a cancellation more than 7 days before a class. If Aullwood must cancel a class or trip, a full refund will be made.