Director’s Corner

Alexis R. Faust
Executive Director

The Vultures are Back!

It seems like just a few weeks ago that I was writing about how the swallows and the night hawks had left for the winter and now I am writing about the coming spring. I never used to understand why people said that as they grew older time seemed to move faster — but I get it now.

I’ve spent only part of one 60-degree day in my garden, but I can smell that spring is right around the corner. The days are longer and earthworms are stranded in my driveway. I have been dive-bombed once by the Great Horned Owl nesting in my backyard (they are bigger than I remember!), heard the “pneet” of the Woodcocks and I now see that my crew of backyard vultures are back. This may not sound exciting to those of you who are not birders or at the very least outdoors people, but to the rest of us, it is a sure sign of spring. I have yet to see my pair of Wood ducks but I think they must be on the way. Now all we need are the Bluebells.

Spring is a time of renewed hope and energy. I’m sure you tire of people saying that but I do feel shut in during the winter. It’s beautiful and different, but its primary purpose in my eyes is to make spring all the more sweeter. It is time to fly free again!

Until then, let’s spread our wings in the warm morning sun, like our vulture friends.

“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.”
— Anne Bradstreet


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Support Aullwood’s Annual Native Plant Sale!

Aullwood’s 18th Native Plant Sale is here! Last year’s online catalog sale and curbside pickup was a great success as visitors could choose from a large selection of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, sedges and grasses. This year’s sale features 134 species including over 33 new offerings. Many spring ephemerals such as Virginia Bluebells, Giant White Trillium and Jack-in-the-Pulpit will also be available for purchase. Need some help deciding which plants will attract the most birds and wildlife to your garden? Use Audubon’s Plants for Birds database at: www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds.

Each plant’s description includes soil and light requirements, photos, and how it supports pollinators and native wildlife. Customers will also be able to search for plants based on different variables including sun and shade.

New this year will be a special section of items from the Nature Store including gardening tools, planters and decorative items, field guides, hummingbird feeders, puzzles and more.

Last year, the State of Ohio designated the month of April as ‘Ohio Native Plant Month’ to increase public awareness of Ohio’s native plants and the many benefits they provide to pollinators, Ohio’s economy, and the health of Ohio’s environment. This year, thanks to Senator Sherrod Brown, April is now also National Native Plant Month!

Plants will be available for sale through Aullwood’s online store from March 11 – April 15 at www.aullwood.org. All sales are final. Aullwood reserves the right to make reasonable plant substitutions without notice. The online store will ask you to select the date and time that best suits your schedule to pick up your order. Orders must be picked up at the Farm Discovery Center during these timeframes:

- Friday, April 22 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 24 – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

When you arrive at Aullwood, friendly staff and volunteers will have your order ready to be loaded into your vehicle. We are unable to hold plants for later pickup.

Profits from our Native Plant Sale provide critical funding needed for our ongoing programs of environmental education and habitat preservation. We truly appreciate your support!
Aullwood Farm Babies Fest!

The seventeenth annual Aullwood Farm Babies Fest will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 14 & 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Aullwood Audubon Farm

Presented by R. B. Jergens Contractors

We are excited to once again offer this amazing weekend of activities for local families and friends. We were not able to hold this festival in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As spring is blooming all around, we are looking forward to the welcome sight of visitors exploring the farm and meeting our farm babies!

This event promises lots of frolicking, hopping, leaping, clucking, oinking, waddling and nuzzling as the Aullwood farm babies explore the barnyard and nature with their mothers. Families may take tractor pulled wagon rides, taste delicious food and enjoy live entertainment in the century old bank barn.

Everyone will have the opportunity to feel the warmth of a sheep’s fleece, tickle the nose of a calf, see a fluffy chick, scratch behind the ears of a kid goat or delight in watching a piglet root in straw bedding. Other highlights include local craft vendors and local food trucks. Chris Rowlands, Aullwood’s Outreach Naturalist, will provide lively interactive concerts scheduled throughout the day. See you at the farm!

NEW PRICING:

Admission: $12/adults, $10/senior or active duty military, $8 ages 4-12, free for ages 3 and under.

Friends of Aullwood members with card:
$10/adult, $8/senior or active duty military, $6/ages 4-12, free for ages 3 and under.

Presented by:

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Nigerian dwarf kid

Tunis lamb enjoying mom’s warmth
Immerse yourself in the landscape and capture the mood and emotion of that time through painting and drawing outdoors, also known as **plein air**. Whether you choose to paint in oil, acrylics, watercolor, color pencil or crayon, you can enjoy the **plein air** experience. Learn to simplify your painting process and technique to paint in a shorter period. Study how light behaves in different situations and learn to understand atmospheric values.

Class participants need to bring their own supplies, including paint, pencils, brushes, canvas or paper. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing to be outdoors in the early spring. Recommended supplies: Windsor Newton oil paints, acrylics or watercolors; Prismacolor or Faber-Castel Polychromos color pencils, though you may bring any brand. Make sure you have a variety of colors, including primary and secondary colors.

*This event is limited to 20 participants; pre-registration is required; meet in the lobby of the Nature Center.

Fee is $75 for Members; $100 for Non-members. Does not include supplies.
Join us on Saturday, April 30 at Aullwood Farm, 9101 Frederick Pike, for Beer & Brewing! at Aullwood. Get ready for fun at the farm as Father, Son and Friends entertains us all with their toe-tappin’ Irish tunes along with the McGovern Irish Dancers! Bring your own chairs to relax and take in the show as you spend time with friends and neighbors! Your ticket includes up to seven tastes from our local craft brewers who will be set up under the Farm Pavilion. Find your favorite brew and purchase full size beers ($7.00) from any of our brewers or the Bonbright Distributors truck. Warped Wing Brewing Company, Hairless Hare Brewery, and Fifth Street Brewpub (plus more) will join us. Thanks to our sponsor Bonbright Distributors who will bring Miller Lite and several amazing regional craft beers on their beer truck!

Local restaurants and caterers will offer small food plates for you to purchase and enjoy. Try delicious food from El Diablo and Buckeye Burgers food trucks (21 and over). Expert brewers will be on hand to answer your questions about their beers! What could be better than good music, good beer, and good food? 100% of your ticket price supports Aullwood’s environmental education programs for local students! Be sure to get your raffle tickets for amazing prizes!

The cost is $30/person pre-sale or $35 at the door. The event runs from 6:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Aullwood Farm. We expect a sell-out! Get your tickets online at www.aullwood.org.

Thank you to our sponsors Shook Construction and Bonbright Distributors!
Birdathon Good Fun, Good Friends, Good Birding!

Saturday, May 7 is the date for Aullwood Backyard Birdathon 2022. Be inspired by our new troll, Bibbi, who loves to talk and fly with the birds. Join Bibbi and friends to identify at least 125 different species of birds in a 24-hour period and raise $8,000 of support for Aullwood!

Unable to go birding? Donations of all amounts and per-species pledges are welcome! Your support helps Aullwood’s environmental education programs. On May 7 from 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., rain or shine, look for birds in your own backyard or come to Aullwood and help Bibbi spot the birds! Learn about birds and how to identify them at these sites:

https://www.allaboutbirds.org/news/
https://www.audubon.org/birding
https://ebird.org/home

Everyone can comment on the birds they are seeing on Aullwood’s Birdathon Facebook event post on May 7 and we will count your birds. You can post a photo in a comment and tell us where you are and what birds you are seeing! Check out what the ‘pros’ are seeing as well and join in the fun!

We encourage everyone to select the donate button on our Facebook event post or main Facebook page to support Aullwood. You can also check out our website for a printable Birdathon 2022 pledge form.

Your gift will make a difference and help Aullwood inspire and reach children of all ages with the wonder of nature, animals and farming!

We welcome your support of Birdathon as a birder on the hunt for birds or in general support of all the birders. Thank you for your continued support of Aullwood! For more information or questions about the Aullwood Backyard Birdathon, please contact Laurie Cothran at laurie.cothran@audubon.org or 937-890-7360 x216.

Brought to you by: Riverdale Optimist Club
Join us for the Aullwood TROLL TROT

**The Troll that Hatched an Egg**

by Thomas Dambo

This stunning project by internationally renowned artist Thomas Dambo would not have been possible without the incredible support of many partners and friends.

We continue to raise support for the Thomas Dambo “The Troll that Hatched an Egg” Exhibit.
You can be a part of this magnificent installation.

Please contact Laurie Cothran at laurie.cothran@audubon.org or call 937-890-7360 x216 if you would like to make a gift to support our trolls!

This exhibit supports Aullwood’s mission to connect people with nature and inspire conservation action.

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**Join us for the Aullwood 2022 Troll Trot from June 11 – June 25**

You can meet all three of Aullwood’s friendly trolls and see the giant bird nest along a truly delightful 1K/5K trail. It’s up to you to find the trolls along the way and capture a special “rubbing” of each installation for a prize! You can explore this 1K/5K trail at Aullwood or complete your 1K/5K at home in your own neighborhood.

You will earn a fantastic original Chris Rowland’s t-shirt while raising support for Aullwood’s programs! These are difficult times and you can help us reach students and adults right here in the Miami Valley with our award-winning environmental education programs.

Race participants can pick up their t-shirt at Aullwood after June 10, 2022. Stay tuned to our social media for registration information! $25.00 for Members, $30.00 for Non-members.

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**Our sincerest thanks to our Troll sponsors:**

The Jesse & Caryl Philips Foundation
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in memory of Elearnor Bondy
Join Aullwood’s avian expert, Sam Romeo, for a five-part intensive birding workshop! There will be something for every bird enthusiast and all levels of birding experience are welcome.

- Cost: $175 per person (transportation not included)
- Zoom Classes: April 5, 12, & 19 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30p.m.
- Aullwood Bird Walk: Saturday, April 30: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Bird Banding: Spring Valley Wildlife Area, Saturday, May 7

After six hours of on-line instruction, you will spend Saturday, April 30 putting some of those lessons into practice with a birding trip in and around Aullwood Audubon led by Sam Romeo. Then on May 7 you can join a local bird-bander Bob Thobaben for hands-on bird banding experience. Learn how to identify, sex, weigh and band birds before releasing them.

Lessons will teach:
- How to identify local birds and know when to look for them
- Key field markings and habitat choices
- Bird behavior including song, migration, and nesting
- Using eBird to jump-start or fine tune your birding experience including how to explore local “hot-spots” or plan trips to find those rare species

Pre-registration online is required, space limited to the first 12 participants to register.
New World Warblers

By Frances Boyens
Public Programs Manager

These three words inspire fear and excitement in equal parts. The summer is coming! The world of butter butts, warbler neck, muddy shoes and “sweet, sweet, sweet, I’m so sweet” is almost upon us.

New world warblers (also known as wood-warblers) are one of the avian highlights of spring. Most species are highly migratory, wintering in the tropics of Central and South America. These flashy jewels are an important part of North America’s community of breeding birds. Thirty-eight species of warblers breed in eastern North America, and 25 species regularly nest in Ohio.

Like many birds, warblers serve as an excellent barometer of changing environmental conditions. For instance, the Cerulean warbler is experiencing perhaps the fastest population decline of any North American warbler. Some estimates state that the overall population has dropped by 75 percent. Conversely, the Chestnut-sided warbler has increased markedly since European settlement. In his extensive wanderings across eastern North America two centuries ago, famed naturalist John James Audubon saw only one Chestnut-sided. As the dense primeval forest was opened for development, better conditions for this warbler were created, and it is now easy for a birder to see several dozen Chestnut-sided warblers on a good day in May.

Warblers are mostly insectivores, tending to include fruit and nectar only in their winter diet, although some, like the Cape May warbler, are regular nectar feeders all year.

Learn more about warblers by visiting places like Spring Valley Wildlife Area or Magee Marsh for the annual Biggest Week in American Birding. Better yet, join avian expert, Sam Romeo, for his Spring Ornithology Workshop.
**Name Aullwood’s New Kestrel!**

In 2021, Aullwood received a female American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) to be one of our animal ambassadors. Organizations like Aullwood receive only those animals that cannot be released back into the wild due to certain injuries. Aullwood’s Kestrel came to us with right wing damage after a window strike. Wild animal rehabilitators never name the animals that they determine can be released back into the wild because it helps remind everyone that they are not meant to be pets but rather are wild animals that belong in the wild.

When an animal cannot be released back into the wild, and is placed with an educational facility such as Aullwood, naming the animal is acceptable. So now all we need is a name!

Send us your suggestions via public media #AullwoodKestrel by June 1. The Aullwood staff will then vote for the top five names. These names will then be posted on our social media so that the public can vote on their favorite! If the name you suggested is picked, you will receive an animal sponsorship.

American kestrels are North America’s smallest falcon and are about the size of a blue jay. Generally, they are nine inches long with a 22-inch wingspan. Kestrels weigh around 4.1 oz. which is the weight of a deck of cards or one size-D battery. They hunt from a perch or as “hover hunters,” meaning they hover above grassy fields to find prey and then torpedo down to grab it.

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**Chipmunk Adventures**

**Chipmunk Adventures for Preschool Children**

**April 6 — June 22**

Welcome to springtime and new adventures for our Chipmunks! Explore springtime at the farm, woods, creek, prairie and meadow through hands-on and cognitive learning experiences created especially for our youngest learners. Songs, stories, artwork, and happy “chipmunk style” hikes on Aullwood’s trails will open up a new sense of wonder and excitement.

Classes begin outside under the Farm Pavilion. Please dress for the weather conditions. This program is taught by Bev Holland who specializes in pre-K education. We look forward to our new spring adventures together with you!

Preregistration online is required.

See you soon!

**Chipmunk Adventures** is for 2-5 year olds (with an adult). Classes meet on Wednesdays on the dates and times below.

**Themes and Dates are:**

- **Who Lives in a Nest?**
  - April 6 & April 20
  - Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Farm Pavilion

- **Spring on the Farm**
  - May 4 & May 18
  - Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Farm Pavilion

- **Magnificent Mud & More**
  - June 8 & June 22
  - Wed. 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Farm Pavilion

**Cost:** Individual classes are $25.00/ Members and $30.00/Non-Members. Class limit is 6 child-adult pairs for a total of 12 participants. (4 minimum).
April is the perfect month to visit Aullwood! Beautiful and colorful spring wildflowers appear in the woodlands and leaves start emerging from trees. If you listen closely, you can hear bluebirds calling and spring peepers are starting to own the night. General Admission is $12.00/adult, $10.00/senior and $8.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood, the National Audubon Society and ANCA are admitted free.

April 2
Plein Air Painting Workshop
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Center)

April 3, 17
Nature Corner
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Center)

April 5, 12, 19
Spring Ornithology Workshop Online
(See article on page 9.) 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

April 6, 20
Chipmunk Adventures – Who Lives in a Nest
10:00 – 11:45 a.m. (Farm) (See article on page 11.)

April 7, 14, 21, 28
Adult Discovery Walk
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. (Center)

April 8
Summer Earth Adventures. Registration begins online for members.

April 9
Girl Scout Badge Day
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Farm)

April 15
Summer Earth Adventures. Registration begins online for all.

April 16
Spring Wildflower Walk
2:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Center)

April 16
Nocturnal Vernal Pool Walk
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

April 22, 23, 24
Native Plant Sale Order Pickup
9:00 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. (22–23)
10:00 a.m. – noon (24)

April 22
Paint and Sip for Earth Day
6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (Center)

April 30
8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Birding Hike – Part of the Spring Ornithology Workshop

April 30
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Beer & Brewing! (Farm)
(See article on page 6.)

Chris Rowlands Plein Air Painting Workshop (Adults only)
Saturday, April 2: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Immerse yourself in the landscape and capture the mood and emotion of that time through painting and drawing outdoors, also known as plein air. (See more details on page 5). This event is limited to 20 participants; pre-registration is required; meet in the lobby of the Nature Center. Fee is $75 for Members; $100 for Non–members. Does not include supplies. (Center)

Adult Discovery Walks
Thursdays, April 7: 14, 21, 28, 8:00-9:30 a.m.
Spring migrants are returning! Bring your binoculars and delight in a weekly walk along Aullwood’s trails spotting birds and exploring the seasonal changes taking place at Aullwood. Meet us in the lobby of the Nature Center for the start of our discovery walk. Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend. (Center)

Girl Scout Badge Day
Saturday, April 9: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Farm) Join Aullwood’s Environmental Educators for an exciting day of nature and science badge programs planned for Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts will discover the unique ecosystems and animals located on Aullwood’s 200-acre nature preserve while completing two badges.
Pre-registration is required, and the program starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. for Session 1 and 1:00 p.m. for Session 2. ($10 per Girl Scout)
- Daisy Badges – Session 1: Trail Adventure & Session 2: Eco Learner.
- Brownies Badges – Session 1: Hiker & Session 2: Bugs.
- Juniors Badges – Session 1: Animal Habitats & Session 2: Flowers.

Please arrive five minutes before each program begins and be sure to check each individual program information for Covid guidelines. You must preregister for each program on Aullwood’s website at aullwood.org.
Spring Wildflower Walk  
Saturday, April 16: 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. 
Discover blooming treasures with us on a spring walk at Aullwood! Look for trillium, Virginia bluebells, celandine poppies and more on a colorful trek through the woodlands. Pre-registration required. (Center)

Nocturnal Vernal Pool Walk  
Saturday, April 16: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 
Vernal pools, or seasonal pools, are a unique type of wetland habitat. They are typically small, shallow, ephemeral water bodies, and unlike a pond or a lake, they have no permanent inlet or outlet. They are filled each spring by rain and snow melt, then dry up for a period of time during the summer. These qualities of vernal pools distinguish them from other wetlands, and they support several species of animals that require these temporary wetland habitats for survival. Join us as we explore Aullwood and listen for some of those species that call a vernal pool home. Pre-registration required. (Center)

Paint and Sip for Earth Day  
Friday, April 22: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. 
The theme for Earth Day 2022 is “Invest in Our Planet.” Earth Day 2022 is focused on accelerating solutions to combat our greatest threat – climate change – and to encourage everyone to do their part. Paint your own masterpiece as a reminder to do your best every day for the planet. You will have fun painting, laughing, and learning through your canvas creations. You will need a basic set of acrylics in red, blue, yellow, green, brown, purple, white and black, an 11 x 14 canvas, and a few brushes. Your painting will include spring wildflowers and trees. Invite your friends and bring your favorite drink as you join Chris Rowlands and paint your masterpiece. $50 for Members, $75 for Non-members. Does not include supplies. Pre-registration online required. (Center)

May 2022 Programs

Look for baby animals frolicking at the Farm this month! Nesting season is also the peak activity in the songbird world. Look for May apples and Golden ragwort in the woods. General Admission is $12.00/adult, $10.00/senior and $8.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood, the National Audubon Society and ANCA are admitted free.

May 4 & 18  
Chipmunk Adventures – Spring on the Farm 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (Farm)  
(See article on page 11.)

May 5, 12, 19, 26  
Adult Discovery Walk 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (Center)

May 7  
Aullwood Backyard Birdathon (Center)  
(See article on page 7.)

May 13  
Aull Society Event 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. (Farm)

May 14 & 15  
Farm Babies Fest 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
(Farm) (See article on pages 4.)  
Nature Center Building and Parking Lot Closed

May 21  
Cub Scouts BSA Day 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

May 22  
Paint and Sip for Earth Day 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Long-term Butterfly Monitoring  
Tuesdays, in May: 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Walk the same route each week through different habitats to record butterflies and skippers. This important data is then compiled with other monitoring stations around the State. No experience is necessary. Pre-registration required. You will be notified if the walk is cancelled due to weather. (Center)

Adult Discovery Walk  
Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.  
Meet us in the lobby of the Nature Center, then enjoy a hike searching for birds and other nature discoveries. Bring binoculars! Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend. (Center)

Cub Scouts BSA Day  
Saturday, May 21: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Join Aullwood’s Environmental Educators for an exciting day of nature and science badge programs planned for Cub Scouts. Scouts will discover the unique ecosystems and animals located at Aullwood’s 200-acre nature preserve while completing two badges. Pre-registration is required, and the program starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. for session 1 and 1:00 p.m. for session 2. ($10 per session per scout, minimum 5 scouts per session)

- Webelo Badges – Session 1: Earth Rocks & Session 2: Into the Woods
- Bear Badges – Session 1: A Bear Goes Fishing & Session 2: Critter Care
- Wolf Badges – Session 1: Finding Your Way & Session 2: Grow Something

Please arrive five minutes before each program begins and be sure to check each individual program information for Covid guidelines. You must preregister for each program on Aullwood’s website at aullwood.org.
Summer is here and it is the perfect time to explore Aullwood! Temperatures are in the seventies to low eighties, changeable spring weather is smoothing out to summer. Nesting season continues with a lot of fledglings finding their wings and joining their parents. General Admission is $12.00/adult, $10.00/senior and $8.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood, the National Audubon Society and ANCA are admitted free.

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Adult Discovery Walks
8:00 – 9:30 a.m. (Center)

June 6-August 5
Summer Earth Adventures Camp
(Center and Farm)

June 8 & 22
Chipmunk Adventures – Magnificent Mud and More
10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. (Farm)
(See article on page 11.)

June 11
Super Full Moon Walk
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Center)

June 18
Aullwood’s Trolls at Twilight
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Center)
(See article on page 15.)

June 20
Nature Center and Farm Closed
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please arrive five minutes before each program begins and be sure to check each individual program information for Covid guidelines. You must preregister for each program on Aullwood’s website at aullwood.org.
**SAVE THE DATE!**

Aullwood Trolls at Twilight!

The Friends of Aullwood invite you to a magical celebration of Aullwood’s amazing new trolls with a “Trolling at Twilight” event on Saturday, June 18, 2022 • Aullwood Farm from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm.

Get ready to celebrate all things “trolls” with a delightful troll scavenger hunt with prizes, and a stroll to visit one of Aullwood’s trolls while enjoying delicious bites paired with wine. Music will fill the air from an amazing local band while you enjoy our farmyard and have the chance to win incredible raffle prizes! Your support will help Aullwood continue to reach students and adults right here in the Miami Valley with our award-winning environmental education programs.

We appreciate our community of friends and families who want to protect the earth, learn about birds, and threatened or endangered animals, participate in recycling and protect and preserve the habitats we have at Aullwood Audubon.

**Be a conservation rock star by supporting TROLLING AT TWILIGHT! Stay tuned for details.**

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**Buy and Donate Business Partnerships**

All of these partnerships support Aullwood’s environmental educational programs for children. Help Aullwood by registering today!

**Kroger Community Rewards Program**

You can shop till you drop and support Aullwood at the same time with only a few easy steps!

2. Sign in or Login to your account.
3. Make Aullwood Audubon your charity of choice, Aullwood’s Charity ID Number YN601.
4. Shop at Kroger as normal and a portion of your sale will support all of Aullwood’s programs for local children!
5. You will know you are giving to Aullwood when you see at the bottom of your receipt: “At your request, Kroger is donating to Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm.”

**Dorothy Lane Market’s Good Neighbor Program**

It’s easy to join the DLM Good Neighbor Program and support Aullwood!

2. Click “Club DLM” in the bar across the top.
3. Click on “Good Neighbor Program.”
4. Type in your First & Last Name, Email and Club Card Number.
5. Select Aullwood Audubon as your charity and click “Enroll Now.”

Please keep in mind you must re-enroll each year for the good Neighbor Program.

**AmazonSmile Support**

Aullwood when you shop at Amazon!

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and login to Amazon as normal.
2. Type in Friends of Aullwood, Inc. as your Charitable Organization.
3. Aullwood will receive 0.5% on the price of eligible items purchased!

It’s simple and easy and makes a big difference for Aullwood!

**Call Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360 ext. 216 for more details.**
When we think of everything Aullwood has been through during the pandemic, it’s clear that much of what we accomplished would not have been possible without the support of our volunteers.

Our Guest Services Volunteers have nimbly handled an ever-changing front desk environment from very few visitors early on in the pandemic to hundreds of visitors coming to see the **Thomas Dambo installation**. Thirty-one volunteers helped create “The Troll that Hatched an Egg” exhibit that has put Aullwood on the map — with regular visitors from around Ohio as well as the world. Troll Greeter/Wayfinder Volunteers orient visitors to Aullwood and how to find the trolls. Our team of Maintenance Volunteers keep lawns, trails and pastures mowed and bush hogged, fix structures and create animal exhibits. READS Mentors and Volunteer Naturalists help with educational programs for school children and youth.

We’re thrilled to host the **Project FeederWatch Team** in-person for this important community science project. We are grateful for the volunteers who supported the Friends of Aullwood Birdseed Sale, including students from **Butler High School Interact Club**. Many volunteers help with important behind the scene projects such as mailings, creating Faerie Houses and helping transform the Nature Store to keep it fresh and interesting for our visitors.

We were also excited to bring back **Chaminade-Julienne High School** students to do service on site as part of their Junior Religion Social Justice program.

Aullwood is recruiting new volunteers to our **Aull Star team** — there are many opportunities here to make a difference in your community.
Spring into Summer Volunteer Activities and Opportunities

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

**Guest Services Volunteers**
We’re looking to grow some of our key volunteer teams. If you are interested in volunteering on an on-going basis, please consider joining one of these volunteer teams!

- Guest Services
- Troll Ambassador
- Volunteer Naturalists
- Trail Monitors
- Troll Greeter/Wayfinder
- Maintenance
- Farm Hands and Barn Monitors

**Native Plant Sale**
**Opportunities from April 13 — 24, 2022 (Farm)**
Are you passionate about the importance of native plants and supporting birds, pollinators and other wildlife? Do you want to do something to help the Earth? Earth Day is April 22. We need your help for this large fundraising event for Aullwood Audubon that helps spread native plants all over the Miami Valley and beyond!

We are looking for volunteers to help us with the preparation phase: watering and labeling plants, putting together orders and re-checking orders. We also need assistance during customer pickup on April 22, 23 and 24. Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-native3

**Farm Babies Fest**
**Opportunities from May 13 — 15, 2022 (Farm)**
Farm Babies is back and we need your help! Volunteer for this family-friendly event – you’ll receive free admission plus a special Chris Rowland’s nature-designed t-shirt (patterns vary — we’ll choose one in your size). Sign up at: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-farm2

**Summer Earth Adventures Assistants**
**June 6 — August 5, 2022 (Center and Farm)**
Do you love nature and enjoy being outside in the summer? Aullwood is holding summer camp this year, and we are looking for Summer Earth Adventure Assistants. Assistants must be age 14 or older, be enthusiastic, helpful, good at following directions, willing to assist the teacher, able to walk a mile, be comfortable bending, stooping and kneeling, and like being outside all day. The minimum commitment for an SEA assistant is one week, Monday-Friday from 8:30 am — 4:30 pm; however, preference will be given to volunteers who can commit to two weeks or more.
All assistants will be required to attend a training session on Friday, June 3 from 10:00 am — 4:00 pm. There is an application and interview process.
For more information, contact Nenita Lapitan.

**Volunteer Tips and Tricks**
Volunteer Naturalists and other Operations Volunteers are invited to attend bi-monthly nature walks on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00 — 4:00 p.m. Led by an Education Staff member, you will discover seasonal happenings in the nature sanctuary as well as learn easy and fun activities to use while leading education programs.
Pre-registration is required.
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A Friends of Aullwood gift membership is perfect for any occasion and at any time of the year. Along with your purchase, you can select a gift box and card to announce your gift. You may choose the level (Family, Individual, Senior Couple, Student, Grandparent and more!) and be assured of a great fit! So many benefits await including reciprocal admissions and discounts at over 180 nature centers around the country! It’s a gift that will be used year-round and is ideal for that hard-to-shop for person.

Call 937-890-7360 for more information.
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Soft trills and whinnies fill the night as an unseen Eastern screech owl vocalizes at dusk. It’s perched on a branch looking for small rodents or other critters to swoop down upon or flying insects to snatch from the air.

During the day, this robin-sized owl, that does not really screech, roosts in the holes of trees or is camouflaged in the dense cover of a tree’s foliage.

Eastern screech owls are found from woodlands to suburbs year round in the eastern U.S. Keep your eyes peeled and your ears perked for this wonderfully elusive nocturnal friend.

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