Welcome . . .

Arras Wiedorn
Manager of Public Programs

Aullwood is pleased to introduce Arras Wiedorn (she/they) as our new Manager of Public Programs. She joined Aullwood on June 6, and comes to us from Corpus Christi, Texas where she was a bird/mammal trainer at the Texas State Aquarium.

She has extensive experience in the husbandry of many types of animals including raptors, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, as well as their use in educational and interpretive programs. Arras managed and trained staff, volunteers, and interns and was the Department Lead for the ambassador animal enrichment program. Arras has a Master’s in Biology from Texas A&M University and a BS in Zoology from Washington State University.

She is also the owner of Endangered Art Books and has written, edited and published Losing Altitude, a collaborative art book raising awareness for endangered bird species, and released Moistly Harmless with Ethan Kocak, about newts and salamanders.

Please introduce yourself to our newest team member!

On Our Cover: The Baltimore Oriole
By Sam Romeo, Environmental Educator

Baltimore orioles are an easily recognizable neo-tropical migrant species readily seen throughout Aullwood’s property in spring and summer.

Wintering in Mexico and Central America, they return to habitats of farm, field, urban areas and parks, traditionally favoring woodland edges and riparian buffer zones along creeks and rivers. Male Baltimore orioles do not develop the traditional bright orange coloration until fall of their second calendar year after hatching, although yearling males sometimes resemble adult females. The Baltimore oriole is very active and easily observable and can be spotted foraging in Black Walnut, Black Cherry, Locust and Oak tree blooms in spring, eating both nectar and insects.

We hope you experience the spark of viewing not only Baltimore orioles, but other migratory neo-tropical migrants that call Aullwood home!
The Faerie Houses of Aullwood Return!

Aullwood Audubon is thrilled to welcome the latest Faerie Houses of Aullwood exhibit to our sanctuary!

Explore the Cardinal Trail near our nature center at 1000 Aullwood Road to discover six charming new faerie houses. The theme for 2023 is Earth Elements. This year, the faeries scampered through the woods to discover materials with which to build their houses. Find the houses along the paved trail and look for clues to guess which material each faerie decided to build with. Write down your answers and bring them to our front desk to win a prize. See if you can spot the tiny faerie hiding at each house, too.

This limited time exhibit is open now and runs through Labor Day 2023, so be sure to catch it before the faeries depart for another year!

The Faerie Houses of Aullwood exhibit is open during Aullwood Audubon’s regular business hours; check our Upcoming Events calendar for holiday closings or other schedule changes.

Members of Aullwood, National Audubon Society and ANCA affiliated organization enjoy the Faerie Houses of Aullwood exhibit at no cost; nonmembers pay regular Aullwood general admission fees, which are free for children 3 and under, $8.00 for children 4 to 12, $12.00 for adults 13 to 64, and $10.00 for seniors age 65 and over and active duty military members. Join us and discover the faerie magic!
Thanks for a Great Farm Babies Fest 2023

Thanks to everyone who attended Farm Babies Fest 2023 on Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 at Aullwood Farm!

After a little early rain, it was a beautiful weekend full of babies, birds, rides and family time at the farm. Classic children’s activities and wagon rides joined new attractions like the free flying raptors of the Ohio School of Falconry’s Raptor Roadshow. Cincinnati Circus performers made balloon animals and walked on stilts, the new Turtle Parade ride was a popular attraction, and of course the antics of goat kids and baby lambs amused one and all. Wonderful craft and food vendors as well as the Greenview Garden Club Plant Sale rounded out a great weekend!

Special thanks to our Presenting Sponsor, R.B. Jergens Contractors, and Community Sponsors Dayton Freight and Shook Construction, with additional support from Riverdale Optimists Club. We appreciate our hardworking volunteers and the support of our friends and neighbors! Proceeds support Aullwood’s environmental education programs for local children. Thank you!
Summer Earth Adventures is For the Birds!

**Registration is OPEN – and scholarships are available!**

Summer Earth Adventures is Aullwood’s day camp, offering exciting hands-on learning for children in a planned environment with space for unstructured discovery and exploration. Each week has a different theme where your child will learn about nature and have fun outdoor experiences. Camp registration is now open for everyone, both members and nonmembers!

Members received a special email with their discount code. Are you a member who didn’t get a code? Email education@aullwood.org

Camps are scaled based on student ages and abilities. All camps are from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., with the exception of camp for 4-5 year olds, which runs from 9:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Campers will have a blast participating in a wide range of experiences! Depending on the program, campers may incorporate nature discovery and exploration with art, reading and writing. They may put together a rock or fossil collection, create journals to take home, make their own pair of wings, help care for goats and sheep, splash through the creek, meet live turtles, snakes or raptors, or dissect an owl pellet. Every afternoon, campers will take a 30-minute Book Nook break to cool off from the summer heat and read a book about the topic they are studying this week. Every day is an exciting new discovery!

Our themes for 2023:
- July 10 – 14 - Art Week
- July 17 – 21 - Junior Naturalists
- July 24 – 28 - Bird Nerds
- July 31 – August 4 - Outdoor Explorers
- August 7 – 11 - Wildcard Week

**Full Scholarships for Summer Earth Adventures are available!**

Please email education@aullwood.org for details on these valuable scholarship opportunities.

For more information about our camp programs and to register, go to [https://aullwood.audubon.org/SEA](https://aullwood.audubon.org/SEA), or visit our website [www.aullwood.org](http://www.aullwood.org), Click PROGRAMS on the top menu, then click SUMMER EARTH ADVENTURES.
Hello everyone! I am Peter Evans, Aullwood’s Farm Assistant.

My responsibilities include caring for our livestock ambassadors every day. That means feeding, cleaning stalls, coordinating vet visits, and assisting in the excitement of the birthing of babies. This spring, our Tunis ewes, Theresa and Tuna, gave birth to five lambs and are exhibiting the strong mothering instincts of many heritage breeds we conserve at Aullwood. Our Nigerian Dwarf does Lily, Primrose and Buttercup produced seven cute kids who delight our visitors daily.

Our American Guinea hogs Toot and Puddle are now integrated into our multi-species rotational grazing system. This allows them to independently forage grassy pastures without over-rooting like commercial hog breeds. By moving them onto paddocks used during the winter by our cows, their light grazing allows faster recovery of grasses over the summer.

Our cows Taffy (Ayrshire) and Gemma (Belted Galloway) were successfully bred last fall, and are rotating through a series of summer pastures where they will remain until they calf in mid-July.

Our heritage breed hens continue to supply us with plenty of farm-fresh eggs to meet current demand. We’re also excited to have three rare, international chicken breeds on the farm. The Indio Gigante, hailing from Brazil, is known as the ‘velociraptor chicken’ due to their capacity to grow more than three feet tall. We also have two Indonesian breeds, the Ayam Ketawa whose roosters are known for their long, laugh-like crowing, and the Ayam Cemani whose hypermelanism confers gorgeously black feathers, skin, muscles, organs and bones.

While many qualities of heritage breeds are easily observable, some of the most valuable traits are not, such as disease resistance, parenting skill, foraging ability, and yes, even culinary desirability. While eggs are available most of the time, we also offer pork and lamb seasonally, so stop by the farm if you’d like to find out for yourself!

This year was chilly, but we still had lots of bird activity. Migration was definitely in full swing and we did see warblers on their way north. Sam Romeo spotted a Wilson’s snipe (a rare bird) and a Spotted sandpiper at Siebenthaler Fen as well as an Orchard oriole and a Baltimore oriole in the same tree!

Our staff, volunteers and friends identified a total of 108 species of birds. Thank you to all of our dedicated birders and supporters! Because of you, we were able to raise $2,950 to help Aullwood inspire and reach children of all ages with the wonder of nature, animals and farming! We also appreciate the support of our Birdathon sponsor, Riverdale Optimists.
Join us on our new rescheduled date . . .

**Saturday, August 19, 2023 • 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Aullwood Farm, 9101 Frederick Pike**

What could be better than good music, good beer, and good food? Enjoy them all at Beer & Brewing with A Taste of Aullwood! Bluewater Kings Band will serve up energetic and delightful music thanks to our band sponsor, Shook Construction. Bring your own chairs to relax with friends and neighbors, or dance the night away in the Farm Pavilion. Your ticket includes seven tastes from local craft brewers set up around the farmyard. Find your favorite brew and purchase full size beers ($7) from the brewers or the Bonbright Distributors truck. Warped Wing Brewing Company, Hairless Hare Brewery and others will join us. Sponsor Bonbright Distributors will provide Miller Lite and amazing regional craft beers on their beer truck. Local food trucks El Diablo Grill, Pa’s Pork and more will offer delicious dinner options to purchase and enjoy. Get raffle tickets for great prizes including howlers, growlers, baskets and gift cards. Round out the evening with a walk to Aullwood’s trolls or take a ride our electric golf cart to see the mother of the trolls, Bodil!

This event is for adults 21 and older only and tickets are limited. The cost is $30/person pre-sale or $35 at the door. 100% of your ticket price supports Aullwood environmental education programs for local students! Dress code is nice casual; we recommend comfortable shoes for walking on grass. Seating is limited, so bring a lawn chair. Coolers and carried in food are not permitted. Be safe — never drink and drive!

We expect a sellout, so get tickets soon!
https://aullwood.audubon.org/BeerBrewing

Questions? Call 937-890-7360 or email AskUs@aullwood.org

Good beer and good friends!
Aullwood Audubon conducted its annual Breeding Bird Survey this year on June 3, 2023. As in past years, during the height of bird breeding season, participants with an interest in avian identification joined Environmental Educator Sam Romeo to collect bird population data via point survey throughout the entire property at Aullwood. The group began a half hour before sunrise, and walked a planned route stopping along the way at the “points” for three minutes to count as many birds as they could observe during that window.

Since its creation nearly 50 years ago, the Breeding Bird Survey has become the primary source of long-term, large-scale population data for more than 400 of North America’s breeding species. The program is coordinated by the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center and the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS). Currently, there are 3700 active Breeding Bird Survey routes in the United States and Canada conducted on an annual basis.

These surveys are incredibly important because this is the main source of data for the range maps found in many of the bird field guides. The results of the Breeding Bird Survey are valuable in understanding the increasing and decreasing ranges of our native species on local, regional and national levels.

For example, in many parts of Ohio, Black vultures were a rare sight. However, data from the Breeding Bird Survey throughout the Midwest has shown that the population of Black vultures has expanded almost five times its size in the state of Ohio. From 1991-2006, the causes of this range expansion might be attributed to increased food availability, climate change, and recovery from pesticides previously found in the carrion they feed on.

Some noteworthy species discovered to be nesting on Aullwood’s property during past Breeding Bird Surveys include Yellow-breasted chat, Great horned owl, Orchard oriole, Yellow-throated vireo, Northern parula, Wood thrush, Yellow-billed cuckoo, American woodcock and Summer tanager. Information and data like this are critical to conservation efforts in our region, as it can help us identify and create appropriate actions to support bird populations, especially those that may be approaching critically low levels.
Over the last few months, construction of 800+ linear-feet of new elevated and winding marsh boardwalk has proceeded at Aullwood Audubon — replacing our old and worn-out walk!

This new boardwalk by Jagger Construction will provide safe access for everyone to enjoy the wooded wetlands and marsh creatures of Aullwood Audubon.

This boardwalk reconstruction will also make Aullwood more accessible not only to the general public, but to those who have barriers to participating in birding and nature exploration. We’re excited to welcome everyone to our beautiful marsh, and anticipate re-opening the trail and celebrating the improvements in the next several months. Stay tuned to our website and social media for details.

This exciting project would not be possible without the generous support of . . .

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Our thanks for their crucial funding!
Aullwood: A Blue Star Museum!

Aullwood has once again joined an innovative program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the U.S. Department of Defense, and Blue Star Families — Blue Star Museums 2023.

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 five family members from May 20, 2023, Armed Forces Day until September 3, 2023.

Blue Star Museums is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and more than 2,000 museums including science and nature centers, fine art museums and historic sites in all 50 states that offers free admission to active-duty military personnel and their families during the summer. Blue Star Museums provides the gift of an outstanding museum experience to thousands of military families.

The program strengthens both museums and military communities and says thank you to military personnel who give so much!

See the list of museums at https://www.arts.gov/blue-star-museums

Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

Help Aullwood at no cost to yourself by registering today with our partner businesses! These partnerships provide important support for Aullwood’s environmental education programs for children.

Kroger Community Rewards Program

You can ‘shop till you drop’ and support Aullwood at the same time with only a few easy steps!
2. Click SIGN IN to access your account or CREATE ACCOUNT to make a new one.
3. Once you’ve logged in, make Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm your charity of choice. Aullwood’s Charity ID Number is YN601.
4. Shop at Kroger as normal using your Kroger Plus account and a portion of your sales will support Aullwood’s programs for local children!
5. You will know you are giving to Aullwood when you see this 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! Please keep in mind you must re-enroll each year for this program from Dorothy Lane Market.
2. Click IN-STORE on the navigation bar across the top of the page.
3. On the next menu under the “What’s Happening” heading, click CLUB DLM.
4. Scroll down until you see the DLM GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM, then click ENROLL NOW.
5. Type in your First & Last Name, Email and Club DLM / Phone Number. Don’t have a DLM Club card yet? Click the appropriate link to get one.
6. Select Aullwood Audubon as your charity and click SUBMIT. Afterward, every time you shop and scan your Club DLM card, Aullwood will be ‘credited’ with your purchase!

For more details, call Laurie Cothran at 937-890-7360 x216.
**Apple Pie Day — September 30, 2023**

Join us on Saturday, September 30 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Aullwood Farm as pie-baker extraordinaire Sam Romeo and his volunteer team bake apple pies the old-fashioned way! Come out to Aullwood for a fall hike, see and smell apple pies cooking in cast-iron Dutch Ovens over an open fire, and maybe have a sample taste!

Visit [https://aullwood.audubon.org/ApplePieDay](https://aullwood.audubon.org/ApplePieDay) to buy your hand-made pie in advance for $25.00 for each whole pie. Pies can only be ordered in advance and numbers are very limited!

Please see our website for additional details on ordering and pickup times. Get a warm and cozy home-made taste of fall to take home by ordering early!

Apple Pie Day is free for members of Friends of Aullwood, National Audubon Society and ANCA affiliated organizations; non-members and pay our general admission prices.

Not a member? Visit our website at [https://aullwood.audubon.org/membership](https://aullwood.audubon.org/membership) for information on becoming one, stop by our front desk during regular business hours, or call us at 937-890-7360.
July 2023 Programs

Summer is ripe and lush – young birds have fledged and some birds are on a second clutch of young. Butterflies flutter through the nature sanctuary and the prairie begins to bloom. Shorebird migration begins in July and continues through early fall.

July 4
Fourth of July / Aullwood OPEN
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

July 6, 13, 20, 27
Member Adult Discovery Walk
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

July 8
34th Annual NABA ‘4th of July’ Butterfly Count 9:30 a.m. (Center)
See page 14.

July 10-July 31
Summer Earth Adventures
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Center)

July 11, 18, 25
Long Term Butterfly Monitoring
2:30-4:00 p.m. (Center).

July 20
Friends of Aullwood Annual Meeting (Members only) 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. (Farm) Members should watch their email for invitation and more information. Please RSVP by July 17, 2023.

Long-term Butterfly Monitoring
(Everyone Welcome) Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25: 2:30-4:00 p.m. (Center)
Join Environmental Educator Sam Romeo on a hike through Aullwood’s transect trail each week to record butterflies and skippers. The important data gathered here will be compiled with data from other monitoring stations around the state. No experience is necessary. If you enjoy butterflies and want to learn more about them, contact Sam Romeo at sam.romeo@audubon.org to join Aullwood’s Long-term Butterfly Monitoring Team and be added to the mailing list! Preregistration is required; registered participants will be notified if monitoring is cancelled or rescheduled due to weather concerns.

Member Adult Discovery Walk
Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27:
8:00-9:00 a.m. Enjoy a naturalist-led weekly walk along Aullwood’s trails to explore the wonderful seasonal changes taking place at Aullwood. Binoculars recommended; members only. (Center)

Summer Earth Adventures
Sessions of Aullwood’s week-long Summer Earth Adventures nature day camps for children ages 4 to 12 run through August 11. Join us for new classes loaded with outdoor exploration and fun! See page 5 for details or visit https://aullwood.audubon.org/SEA

August 2023 Programs

The prairie comes into its own during late summer with yellows, oranges, and purpils popping out among all shades of green. It’s also a great time to stroll through the cool woodlands and corridors of Aullwood.

August 1-11
Summer Earth Adventures
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Center and Farm)

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Long-term Butterfly Monitoring
2:30-4:00 p.m. (Center)

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
Member Adult Discovery Walk
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

August 19
Beer & Brewing With a Taste of Aullwood 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (Farm)
See page 7 for details.

August 31
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
5:30-7:30 p.m. Watch your email for invitation and details soon! (Center)

Summer Earth Adventures
Sessions of Aullwood’s week-long Summer Earth Adventures nature day camps for children ages 4 to 12 run through August 11. Join us for new classes loaded with outdoor exploration and fun! See page 5 for details or visit https://aullwood.audubon.org/SEA

Please arrive five minutes before programs begin. Learn more about programs on Aullwood’s website at aullwood.org.
The season turns with the arrival of the Fall Solstice on September 23. Young birds born this year join adults to make the migration south. Warblers, flycatchers, thrushes and vireos are moving, and now is the perfect time to practice identifying those “confusing” fall warblers.

**September 4**
Labor Day / Aullwood OPEN 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**September 5, 12, 19, 26**
Long-term Butterfly Monitoring 2:30-4:00 p.m. (Center)

**September 7, 14, 21, 28**
Member Adult Discovery Walk 8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

**September 30**
Apple Pie Day 9:00 am-5:00 pm (Farm)
For details, see page 11 or https://aullwood.audubon.org/ApplePieDay

As you may know, there have been some recent changes in leadership at Aullwood Audubon. Changes like these are challenging, but also allow us to re-evaluate our efforts.

After a hard look at our planning calendar, Aullwood’s management team has made the difficult decision not to hold Fall Fest in 2023 in order to redirect resources toward our core education and conservation endeavors.

To celebrate Fall, we will hold Apple Pie Day on Saturday, September 30, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Aullwood Farm. We know this will be disappointing for some members, but we ask for your patience as we navigate these changes and evaluate our capabilities, looking to refocus our efforts on our central mission.

We will also be holding Member Appreciation Day on Sunday, October 15, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. as an exclusive opportunity for Friends of Aullwood members to enjoy a special day at Aullwood with wagon rides, walks, activities and more!

Thank you for being an important partner in protecting birds and the places they live, today and tomorrow. We deeply appreciate your support and understanding.

Please arrive five minutes before programs begin. Learn more about programs on Aullwood’s website at aullwood.org.
Volunteers will be the guests of honor at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on August 31.

This year’s event will be held at the Marie S. Aull Education Center. There will be a brief program, a delicious meal, the opportunity to see the Faerie Houses of Aullwood and explore our brand-new accessible boardwalk through Muskrat Marsh, plus some surprises. Invitations will be sent out in July.

We need your help spotting and counting hundreds of dazzling butterflies and skippers! Join us on Saturday, July 8th starting at 9:30 a.m. to conduct Aullwood’s 34th Annual ‘Fourth of July’ NABA Butterfly Census. During the month of July, people all across North America will be conducting similar surveys and sending data to the North American Butterfly Association. We will meet at Aullwood’s Nature Center at 1000 Aullwood Road and from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. count on Aullwood’s property; after a break to have a bring-your-own lunch and compare lists, we will continue with an optional additional count from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Englewood South Park and Marie Aull’s Garden.

The North American Butterfly Association has run the Butterfly Count Program in the United States, Canada, and Mexico since 1993. This count will consist of a compilation of all butterflies observed at Aullwood in a one-day period. The annually published reports provide a tremendous amount of information about the geographical distribution and relative population sizes of the species not only in our area, but all across North America. Comparisons of the results across years can be used to monitor changes in butterfly populations and study the effects of climate change and habitat change on butterflies.

Everyone is invited to take part in this fun and educational Community Science event! There is no admission charge, but there is a fee of $3.00 (for those 13 and over) payable to the North American Butterfly Association. For more information on this program, contact Sam Romeo at 937-890-7360 x223 or sam.romeo@audubon.org. We hope you can join us for a fun-filled day of observing these beautiful, winged treasures!
Volunteer Opportunities

For more information about these opportunities, please call Nenita Lapitan, Manager of Volunteer and Rental Services at 937-890-7360, x214 or email nenita.lapitan@audubon.org.

Volunteer for our Special Events

4th of July Butterfly Count
JULY 8 — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Participate in an important Community Science project by helping to spot, identify and count butterflies at Aullwood and nearby. By gathering data on the number of butterfly species and abundance, we are contributing to a larger story about the status of butterflies in Ohio. Join Environmental Educator Sam Romeo at the Nature Center. You may stay with the group as long as you wish. Dress to be outdoors in the summer — bug spray, sunscreen, a hat and binoculars recommended. This activity is recommended for age 6 and older.

Beer and Brewing with A Taste of Aullwood
AUGUST 19 — 5:00-10:00 p.m.
Volunteers do a variety of tasks to assist with this fun special event. Pour tastes of beer for guests, sell raffle tickets, or hang out in the barn with the animals. Volunteers must be age 21+ and be willing to commit for the entire evening.

Apple Pie Day
SEPTEMBER 30 — volunteers shifts from:
8:30-11:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.-2:30 pm; 2:30-5:30 pm
Assist Environmental Educator Sam Romeo in preparing, baking and selling apple pies baked over the fire in Dutch Ovens. Volunteers will also offer visitors free tastes of a delectably delicious pie! This activity will be outdoors, under a tent and around a hot fire pit. Volunteers must be age 16+.

Friends of Aullwood Member Appreciation Day
OCTOBER 15 — volunteer shifts from:
8:30-11:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
We are looking for volunteers to help with Member Check-in, Children’s Activities, Wagon Rides, and as Barn Monitors at this special members-only event at the Farm. Volunteer registration will be on-line through Sign-up Genius. An email will be sent out to volunteers in late August.

Member Appreciation Day
OCTOBER 15, 2023
Watch for Details!
Mark your calendar today for our special Member Appreciation Day, coming up 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at Aullwood Farm! This special members-only day at Aullwood will be an exclusive opportunity for Friends of Aullwood members to enjoy wagon rides, nature hikes, children’s activities and more! Watch your email for more information as the date gets closer for this special event!
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Friends of Aullwood gift memberships are always available!

A Friends of Aullwood gift membership is perfect for any occasion. Along with your purchase, you can select a gift box and card to announce your gift. You may choose the right membership level and be assured of a great fit! So many benefits await including reciprocal admissions, discounts at over 180 nature centers around the country, and 10% off purchases in the Aullwood Nature Store & Gift Shop!

With membership, you can enjoy all of the beauty and joy of Aullwood all year round. Check our website at www.aullwood.org or call 937-890-7360 for more information.
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Plein air painting is simply the painting of at least part of a finished work of art outside, literally ‘in the open air.’ Popularized by impressionists like Claude Monet, plein air work takes place with the subject right before you, and connects you directly with nature in a way that’s more spontaneous and less concerned with detail. It happens in an environment where changing light makes everything look different in a short time; it encourages working quickly to focus on atmospheric values, subtle colors and basic shapes.

Aullwood Audubon’s Outreach Naturalist Chris Rowlands has been doing plein air work like this study for over five years, and has found that it helps him cultivate a looser and more streamlined style, more about capturing the spontaneous mood of a landscape and less about obsessing over small technical details. Chris plans to continue painting ‘in the open air’ for the foreseeable future.