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 **Audubon**

Cover Photo:
Rose-breasted grosbeak
(Eastern redbud).
Audubon Photo.
Sharon Dobben.



*"When this ends, we'll smile sweetly,
finally seeing In testing times,
we became the best of things."*
— Amanda Gorman

Director's Corner

Alexis R. Faust
Executive Director

Lessons Learned

Although it seems like an eternity, it has been about one year since the pandemic really took hold in earnest. We rushed to learn how to Zoom, DoorDash and Grub Hub, purchase masks, order groceries online, and cancel our travel plans. We built home offices in spare rooms and large closets, and for some, we became teachers and tutors. Amazon became our best friend.

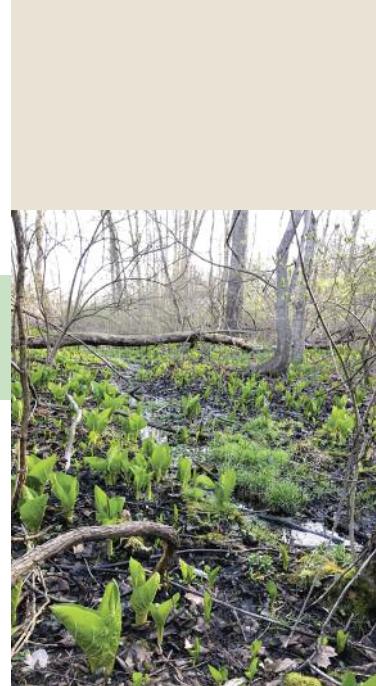
Now, as spring begins to round the corner here in Ohio, I have been thinking of our beautiful wildflower ephemeral season, farm babies, green pastures, warblers and grosbeaks. Spring is a strong reminder that things change — sometimes for the worse, but also, oftentimes, for the better.

We cannot say that the pandemic is over, but this too shall change. In fact, many changes are happening right now, and they are for the better. This spring humanity will also slowly come back to life — and as the temperatures warm, the flowers begin to bloom, we are able to spend more time outside in the bright and optimistic sunshine. We can hike, birdwatch, and simply sit in awe of all that we celebrate in springtime.

Nature has many healing properties. It lowers your blood pressure, raises your vitamin D, and calms your breathing. It is restorative. Come to Aullwood this spring. There is nothing like a bouncing goat kid to put a smile on your face, or a hike through the bluebells to renew your faith. We are now open 6 days a week at the farm — just in time to rejoice in the best of things.



Virginia bluebells



Skunk cabbage along
Willes Creek



Winter aconite along
wildflower trail at the
Nature Center



Bloodroot



Aullwood Audubon



Aullwood Backyard Birdathon 2021

One Day – 125 Species!

**Saturday
May 8, 2021**

Saturday, May 8 is the date for Aullwood Backyard Birdathon 2021. The goal is to identify at least 125 different species of birds in one day and raise \$8,000 to support Aullwood! So, get ready to bird your own backyard or local park on May 8, 6:30 AM to 8:00 PM, rain or shine.

You don't have to be a "birder" to enjoy this activity! Birding can be a low-key and relaxing event, such as sitting in a comfy chair in your backyard and watching the birds at your feeders. Or, you can make it an adventure by heading to a local park and hiking out on the trails. Everyone can participate in Aullwood's Backyard Birdathon! This is a great way to involve the whole family and learn something new.

How to participate in the Aullwood Backyard Birdathon:

First, 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>

Then, on May 8, venture forth and report your observations in the comment section of Aullwood's Birdathon Facebook Event Post. You do not need a photograph to report your observations, however, if you have photos, please also post them!

How to support Aullwood's Backyard Birdathon 2021

If you would like to support this event, you can click the "donate" button on the Birdathon Facebook Event Post. Alternatively, you can download a printable Birdathon 2021 pledge form and mail in your contribution. This event supports our educational programming within the regional community.



On the lookout on Aullwood Meadow Trail

Tom Hissong

For more information or questions about the Aullwood Backyard Birdathon, please contact Laurie Cothran at laurie.cothran@audubon.org or 937-216-1776.



Ruhikant Meetei

Male indigo bunting



Shirley Donard

Blackburnian warbler



Rose-breasted grosbeak



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The Cicadas are Coming!

By Sam Romeo
Environmental Educator

Billions of red-eyed cicadas (*Magicicada septendecim*) will emerge across 15 eastern States and the District of Columbia this May. Known as Brood X, these cicadas have spent 17 years deep in the soil, feeding on the fluids inside roots of deciduous trees in the eastern United States. The nymphs emerge when the soil reaches 64 degrees Fahrenheit, typically beginning in mid-May, and will stay active for about 4 to 6 weeks.

What is most recognizable about these large periodic broods is the loud collective song of the male cicadas calling for mates. This song can reach 100 decibels. The male cicadas emit this noise by vibrating their tymbals — drum-like membranes on their abdomens. The cicadas only have 4-6 weeks to find a mate before they die.

After mating, the females split the bark on the branches and twigs of trees and shrubs and lay between 200 and 600 eggs. When the young (called nymphs) hatch, they burrow into the ground and attach themselves to the roots where they stay for 17 years. This process does not harm mature trees.

Cicadas are completely harmless and do not bite as they lack mouth parts that can chew. They supply an incredible amount of protein to wildlife. Birds, mammals, snakes, lizards, fish as well as domestic pets and humans eat the abundant insects. Studies have shown that Wild Turkey populations increase greatly during these mass cicadas events. Dead cicadas add biomass and nutrients as they decay into the soil.

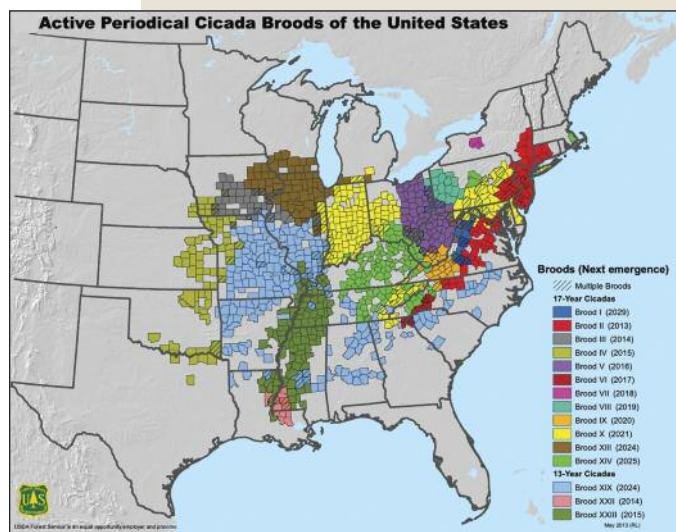
**Enjoy this amazing spectacle
as they won't be back until 2038!**



Male cicada's tymbal which is vibrated to create their song.



Periodical cicada



Periodical cicada Map - USDA-FS



David Harwood

Wild turkey

Native Plant Sale

Celebrate Earth Day and Ohio's Native Plant Month by supporting Aullwood's Native Plant Sale

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. More and more people are joining this movement because they understand that native plants provide food and shelter for wildlife, increase biodiversity and attract natural predators that help control pest species. Native plants can be used in more formal gardens or to create natural areas.

Aullwood's 17th Native Plant Sale is online at <http://plantcatalog.aullwood.org> right now! Browse our store for more than 120 species of native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses. Each plant's description includes soil and light requirements, photos and how it contributes to native wildlife. We are offering customer favorites as well as new species this year such as Black Chokeberry, Arrowwood Viburnum, Bayberry, White False Indigo and Rattlesnake Master.

For the first time ever, you'll be able to preorder rescued wildflowers such as Virginia Bluebells, Great White Trillium, Jack-in-the-Pulpit, and more! **Plants will only be available for sale online from now until April 19.**

Plants must be purchased and paid for online using VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. We cannot accept cash or checks. Prices vary; and all sales are final. If you need assistance or would like to order over the phone, please call 937-890-7360 and leave a message or send us a message at nativeplantsale@aullwood.org. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Plants must be picked up between 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on April 23, 24 and 25 at the Farm Discovery Center, 9101 Frederick Pike.

The online store will ask you to select the date and time that best suits your schedule. When you arrive at Aullwood, friendly and masked staff and volunteers will have your order ready to be loaded into your vehicle. We are unable to hold plants for you for a later pickup.

Unsure which plants will attract the most wildlife to your garden? Use Audubon's Plants for Birds database at www.audubon.org/plantsforbirds.

Profits from our Native Plant Sale help to provide the critical funding needed for our ongoing programs of environmental education and habitat preservation. We truly appreciate your support!

Will Stuart



American goldfinch



Celandine poppy



Dr. Thomas G. Barnes

Cardinal flower



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Eastern carpenter bee



Swamp milkweed



Orange coneflower



Polyphemus caterpillar



Volunteer Corner 2021 April • May • June

April is National Volunteer Month!

Bloodroot

By Nenita Lapitan
Volunteer & Rental Services Manager

National Volunteer Month was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet — doing good comes in many forms, and we should recognize and celebrate them all.

We are incredibly appreciative of the volunteers who have supported Aullwood through the pandemic: those who interacted with visitors, mowed grass and tamed trails, assisted with farm chores, power-washed buildings, supported the maintenance department, weeded and watered the vegetable garden, flowers and native beds, delivered plants during the Native Plant Sale, helped with merchandise and displays for the Nature Store, loaded birdseed and helped staff behind the scenes. *We could not keep Aullwood open without you.*

If you are interested in an opportunity to celebrate **National Volunteer Week** which is April 18-24 and **Earth Day** on April 22, please consider helping us get ready for the Native Plant Sale! There are plants to be labeled, plants and trees to be watered and orders to prepare. April 23, 24 and 25 are curbside pick up dates and we're looking for volunteers to help on these dates as well. Shifts are shorter and the number of volunteers per shift is smaller to allow for social distancing.

To sign up, please contact Nenita Lapitan, Manager of Volunteer & Rental Services at nenita.lapitan@audubon.org or go to the Native Plant Sale link on Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-native3>

It will be some time until our operations return to "normal." However, please know you are very much in our minds and that we look forward to the day when we can see everyone again.



Butterfly Monitoring Volunteer
Karen Offenbacker



Volunteers Ryland & Xavier Watts

Bluebird Box Monitors

Starting April 12, we are looking for volunteers to help with this important Community Science project. Bluebird Box Monitors record and follow the breeding cycle of Eastern Bluebirds and other native cavity nesting birds such as Carolina Chickadees, Carolina Wrens and American Tree Swallows. Volunteers work in pairs and must be able to commit to weekly monitoring and be comfortable removing nests and eggs of non-native birds such as House Sparrows. This is a fantastic opportunity for people looking to get outdoors in nicer weather.

Virtual training provided. Volunteers are required to go through an application process and agree to follow National Audubon Society's COVID protocols.



Garrett Gormley



Sam Romeo

Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

All of these partnerships support Aullwood's high quality 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!

1. Visit the website: www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com

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.



1. Visit www.DorothyLane.com.

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 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.*

Native Plant Sale

We need many hands to prepare for and run the Native Plant Sale Curbside pickup, and there are many ways to assist — we are offering lots of short shifts to allow for social distancing.

- Preparation Days are from:

April 15 to the 22.

- Curbside Pick up Days:

April 23, 24, 25

For details and to sign up, go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e044badae2ca1f85-native3>



Volunteers prep for the Native Plant Sale



Volunteer Cindy Talley with black rat snake

Mowers, Trail Tamers and Building Washers

Our Maintenance Department is looking to add volunteers to our Mowing and Trail Tamer Team. Or, if mowing isn't your thing — how about using a power washer to clean buildings at the farm and center? Shifts are flexible; volunteers are required to go through an application process and agree to follow National Audubon Society's COVID protocols. Maintenance Volunteers must be age 21 or older.

Spring into Summer Volunteer Opportunities

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



2021 Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

April 2021 Programs

Aullwood Audubon Programs: Important Information & Guidelines:

Aullwood is following the recommendations from government officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Dept. of Health and the National Audubon Society. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible there are important guidelines and procedures for Aullwood programs. Guidelines are subject to change as State mandates change. The safety of our members, volunteers and staff is our top priority.

- Preregistration is required to attend any walks or programs. Call 937-890-7360 to preregister for programs.
- Programs begin promptly at their scheduled start time, are weather dependent and are cancelled if there is thunder, lightning or heavy rain. Participants will be contacted via email should a program be cancelled.

- If you or someone in your household is sick, stay home. Do not visit Aullwood if you have a fever, persistent cough or shortness of breath.

- We will follow social distancing during programs and keep at least a 6-foot social distance.

- Masks are required when inside any building. Masks are required outdoors, when unable to keep at least a 6-foot social distance from those not in your household.

- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before and after your visit.

- Programs are to take place outdoors unless severe weather threatens, participants need to use the restroom or there is an emergency.

- If guests are not following social distancing and other guidelines, we may be forced to cancel programs.

Spring arrived on March 20, and plants and animals at Aullwood are starting to pop! Join us for some spring wildflower walks and our Thursday morning Discovery Walks. Help pollinators and wildlife by enriching your yard with native wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees available for purchase online during our annual Native Plant Sale.

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – Adult Discovery Walk – 8:00-9:30 a.m. (Nature Center)

April 10 – Spring Wildflower Walk – 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Farm)

April 13, 20, 27 – Butterfly Walks – 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Farm)

April 18 – Spring Wildflower Walk – 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Farm)

April 19 – Deadline for Native Plant Sale online orders

April 23, 24, 25 – Native Plant Sale Curbside Pickup (by appointment only, at Farm)

Self-guided Family Activity:

Scavenger Hunt (Members and Non-Members)

Is It Green Yet? Select a scavenger hunt sheet from the Farm desk and enjoy a self-guided walk around the Farm looking for signs of Spring!

Adult Discovery Walks

(Members Only) Thursday – April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: 8:00-9:30 a.m. These walks meet in the parking lot of the Nature Center. Please note that participants will be unable to access the Nature Center. Walk along Aullwood's trails searching for birds and other nature finds! Bring binoculars. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 members on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Nature Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend.

Spring Wildflower Walks

(Members and Non-Members)

Saturday – April 10 and Sunday, April 18: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Breathe in the refreshing smell of sunshine and spring in the woods. Walk with an Environmental Educator to discover and learn how to identify spring ephemeral wildflowers – Virginia Bluebells, Dutchman's Breeches, Bloodroot, Spring Beauties and more. These walks begin and end in front of the Farm Discovery Center. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 people on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Farm Discovery Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Admission for non-members is \$10.00.



Cloudless sulphur butterfly

Sam Romeo

Butterfly Walks

(Members and Non-Members)

Tuesday – April 13, 20, 27: 3:00-4:30 p.m. Join Sam Romeo and Aullwood's Long-term Butterfly Monitoring team to identify, count and monitor butterfly populations. Butterfly enthusiasts of all skill-levels are invited to join our group! Bring binoculars. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 people on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Farm Discovery Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Admission for non-members is \$10.00.

May 2021 Programs

The cicadas are coming! Take a walk with Environmental Educator Sam Romeo to learn about Brood X and see and hear the cacophony of male cicadas as they try to attract a mate. Learn to identify spring wildflowers on one of our Wildflower walks, and enjoy finding spring migrants during the Thursday morning walks. There's something for everyone in May!

May 4, 11, 18, 25 – Butterfly Walks: 3:00-4:30 p.m. (Farm)

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

May 8 – Spring Migrant Walk – 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Nature Center)

May 15 – 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Wildflower Walk (Farm)

May 30 – 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Cicada Invasion Walk (Farm)

May 31 – Memorial Day Holiday – Aullwood closed

Butterfly Walks

(Members and Non-Members)

Tuesday – May 4, 11, 18, 25: 3:00-4:30 p.m. Join Sam Romeo and Aullwood's Long-term Butterfly Monitoring team to identify, count and monitor butterfly populations. Butterfly enthusiasts of all skill-levels are invited to join our group! Bring binoculars. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 people on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Farm Discovery Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Non-member admission is \$10.00.

Adult Discovery Walks

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other nature finds! Bring binoculars. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 members on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Nature Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend.

Virginia Bluebells, Dutchman's Breeches, Bloodroot, Spring Beauties and more. This walk begins and ends in front of the Farm Discovery Center. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 people on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Farm Discovery Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Non-member admission is \$10.00.

Spring Migrant Walk

(Members and Non-Members)

Saturday – May 8: 2:00-4:00 p.m. Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day and join Sam Romeo, Environmental Educator, to search for neotropical migrants who have flown from the southern hemisphere to nest and rest at Aullwood. These are the jewels of the bird world: warblers, tanagers, orioles and indigo buntings, to name a few species. Bring binoculars. You must preregister by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 people on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Nature Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Non-member admission is \$10.00.



Virginia bluebell

Spring Wildflower Walk

(Members and Non-Members)

Saturday – May 15: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Breathe in the refreshing smell of sunshine and spring in the woods. Walk with an Environmental Educator to discover and learn how to identify spring ephemeral wildflowers –

Cicada Invasion Walk

(Members and Non-Members)

Sunday – May 30: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Walk with an Environmental Educator and learn about the Brood X periodical cicadas that have emerged after 17 years underground. See Sam Romeo's article about this fascinating insect on page 4. This walk begins and ends in front of the Farm Discovery Center. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 people on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Farm Discovery Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Non-member admission is \$10.00.

Self-guided Family Activity:

(Members and Non-Members)

Born to be Wild – A Wildflower, of Course!

An identification sheet awaits you at the Farm desk. Select a trail and go searching for spring wildflowers: Virginia Bluebells, Celandine Poppy, Marsh Marigold, and Skunk Cabbage. Can you find more?

2021 Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

June 2021 Programs

Have some fun in the sun! The cicadas are still here so you can take a walk with an Environmental Educator and learn all about Brood X. Birds have settled in for the breeding season, but they are still singing – look for the Yellow-breasted Chat in Honeybee Meadow on a Thursday Morning Walk. Join the Long-term Butterfly monitors to look for and record butterfly species.

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 –Butterfly Walks:
3:00-4:30 p.m. (Farm)

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

June 5 and 20 – 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Cicada Invasion Walk (Farm)



Summer tanager

Peter Hogan

Butterfly Walks

(Members and Non-Members)

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time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Non-member admission is \$10.00.



Randy Steufert

Ruby-throated hummingbird

Adult Discovery Walks

(Members Only)

Thursday – June 3, 10, 17, 24: 8:00-9:30 a.m. These walks will now meet in the parking lot of the Nature Center. Please note that participants will be unable to access the Nature Center. Walk along Aullwood's trails searching for birds and other nature finds! Bring binoculars. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org. There is a limit of 10 members on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Nature Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time and ends promptly at the scheduled end time. Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend.

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Mark Boyd

Baltimore oriole

Self-guided Family Activity:

(Members and Non-Members)

What Part of the Plant Do You Eat?

Stroll through the Farm Garden to observe growing vegetables. Use a guide sheet from the Farm desk to decide which part of the plant we eat: the stems, flowers, roots, leaves, or seeds? Yum!



Indigo bunting

Sunil Gopalan

Cicada Invasion Walks

(Members and Non-Members)

Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 20: 2:30-3:30 p.m. Walk with an Environmental Educator and learn about the Brood X periodical cicadas that have emerged after 17 years underground. See Sam Romeo's article about this fascinating insect on page 4. This walk begins and ends in front of the Farm Discovery Center. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on



Chipmunk Adventures

Classes for Preschool Children – 2021

April 12 and 26 • May 3 and 24 • June 7 and 21

We are calling all Chipmunks to join us in welcoming springtime to Aullwood! Enjoy exploring nature with us through stories, art work, songs, and happy hikes around the farm. Both cognitive and hands-on learning experiences will increase the sense of wonder in all of us. Please dress for the weather conditions. Classes will meet outside in the Pavilion at the Farm.

Bev Holland, Environmental Educator, will be the teacher for these spring sessions. Be adventuresome Chipmunks and come join us!

To register call 937-890-7360.
See you soon!



Bev Holland

Chipmunk Adventures is for 2-5 year olds (with an adult). Classes meet on Mondays on the dates and times below. Upcoming themes are:

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|
| Finding Colors in Nature | April 12 & 26 | Mon. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Farm Auditorium |
| Feathered Friends | May 3 & 24 | Mon. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Farm Classroom |
| Build-a-Pond with Me | June 7 & 21 | Mon. 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Farm Classroom |

Cost: Individual classes are \$20.00/Members and \$25.00/Non-Members. Class limit is 6 child-adult pairs for a total of 12 participants. (4 minimum). Masks are required and Aullwood's program protocols for COVID-19 apply.



**Aullwood is a
Blue Star Museum!**



Aullwood has once again joined an innovative program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Department of Defense and Blue Star Families — **Blue Star Museums 2021**. Through this program Aullwood will show its 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 15, 2021 until September 5, 2021**.

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/national/blue-star-museums>.

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Blue Heron

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North American River Otter

(Lontra canadensis)

With their streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense fur to keep them warm, river otters are built for the water.

They can hold their breath for up to eight minutes and can dive to a depth of 60 feet. They are usually found around rivers, as their name implies, but they are also found around streams, lakes and many other waterways.

River otters are carnivores and like to eat fish, crawdads, fresh water mussels, snakes, small mammals, birds and a variety of aquatic invertebrates.

They are playful and typically active at dusk and dawn. Keep your eyes out for these high-spirited aquatic acrobats!

*Slide down the bank and glide in the water
Catch a fish like it's no bother
Use its tail like a boat rudder
It's great to be an otter!*

