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Director's Corner

*"The plants have enough vision
to transform our limited vision."*

— Rosemary Gladstar

Alexis R. Faust
Executive Director

Incredible Discoveries!

We have always known that our property is special, but now we can add to the reasons why! This past year, during a series of ecological studies, we discovered two new species of plants on our site, one of which is State-endangered and one which is State-threatened.

The first discovery was Timid sedge (*Carex timida*). A sedge is a grass-like plant with triangular stems that is actually more closely related to rushes than grasses. This very uncommon sedge is known in only four counties in the State of Ohio. As it is very difficult to identify, Aullwood had to send a sample to a scientist at the New York Botanical Garden for positive identification. This tiny sedge can be found in dry to moist woodlands and in particular on limestone-based soils which are prevalent at Aullwood.

The second discovery on Aullwood Farm was the native American cranberrybush (*Viburnum opulus var. americanum*). This bush is not a true cranberry like those you may have for Thanksgiving (which are evergreen) but rather a viburnum. The berries are edible and resemble the taste of a true cranberry. These spectacular bushes are endangered in the State of Ohio.



*Timid edge (*Carex timida*)*

*Cover Photos: APA-2017.
Eastern Bluebird. P14755 6.
Pamela Underhill Karaz
Winter landscapes. Ken Fasimpaur.*





Flowers of the American cranberrybush

The truly exciting news about these recently discovered plants is that they both provide critical food for birds and other animals throughout the cold months of winter. Sedges provide seeds and the berries on the cranberrybush are nutritious food even after the winter snows arrive.

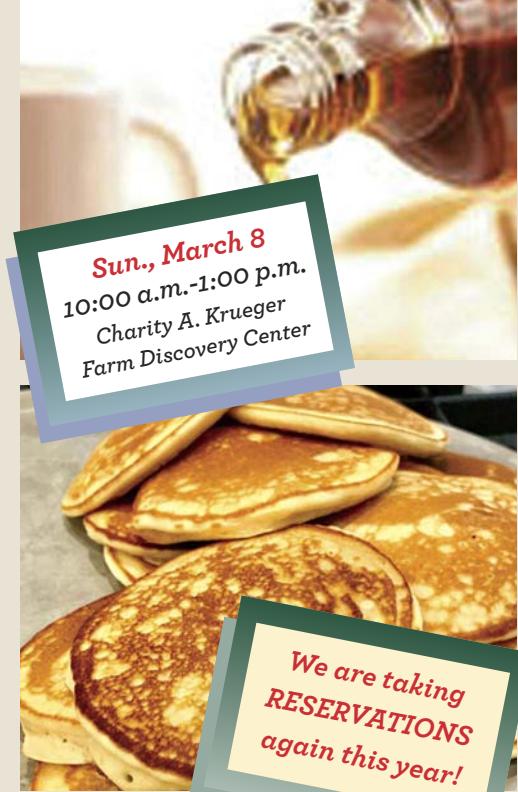
Aullwood will be reporting these finds to the Ohio Department of Nature Resources.



American cranberrybush berries



A variety of sedges that provide food for birds during the winter months



Sun., March 8
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Charity A. Krueger
Farm Discovery Center

*We are taking
RESERVATIONS
again this year!*

It's Pancake Breakfast Time!

On Sunday, March 8, gather your family and friends and enjoy a delicious brunch, a walk in the sugarbush and a visit with our livestock on the farm.

Gourmet cooks from the Friends of Aullwood Board will demonstrate their skills at flipping pancakes, searing sausages, scrambling eggs, pouring coffee and ladling maple syrup. Aullwood interns and volunteers will lead tours of the sugarbush and explain the process of maple sugar making.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
continuous serving at
Charity A. Krueger Farm
Discovery Center
9101 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH
Cost: \$8.00/adult;
\$4.00/child (age 12 & under)

**Call us at 937-890-7360
to confirm your reservation.**



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Winter Speaker Series – 2020

Jan. 12, 19, 26
Feb. 2 & 9
2:30 p.m.

Aullwood's 2020 Winter Speaker Series "Exploring Ohio's Natural Landscape," features five fascinating programs on Ohio's past and present from a diverse group of presenters.

Join us on five consecutive Sundays at 2:30 p.m. in the Nature Center auditorium for presentations you won't want to miss. Friends of Aullwood and NAS members are free.

The Many Faces of Woodland Fungi



Sunday, Jan. 12th, 2:30p.m.

Jim Chatfield

Associate Professor and Extension Specialist Ohio State University

Jim Chatfield will join us from Ohio State's department of Horticulture, Crop Science and Plant Pathology to introduce us to the many faces of woodland fungi. *"Fungi are many things. Some are plant pathogens that parasitically plague plants and pester plant lovers. Some fungi are even human pathogens. Most fungi are saprophytes and thankfully decompose organic matter, without which we would be quickly buried in organic debris. This decomposition is critical; nature's recyclers transforming this organic matter into nutrients for plant growth."*

Most of the woodland fungi we see is the fleshy fruiting body emerging from the forest floor, rotting trees and fallen branches. However, there is an incredible network below which we cannot see. Not only is the underground world of fungi interesting and magical, but the names are fun and fascinating: from Deadman's Fingers, Destroying Angel and Goat's Beard to Barometer Earthstar. Jim paraphrases Dr. Seuss, *"all my life I've been searching for names such as these."*

Harvest the Past, Feed the Future



Sunday, Jan. 19th, 2:30p.m.

Paul Patton

Archeobotanist

Dr. Paul Patton has worked in archaeology and cultural resource management for 15 years. He received his PhD in Anthropology from The Ohio State University and MS in Environmental Studies from Ohio University.

Dr. Patton is currently the Social Enterprise Director at Rural Action in Athens, OH. However, Dr. Patton has a long history of studying Ohio Valley archaeology and human-environmental relationships by conducting archaeological digs in Ohio to collect fragments of prehistoric crops grown thousands of years ago. You might assume that they are just ordinary "weeds." However, they have significant meaning to Archaeobotanists. These plants predate maize or corn by thousands of years and Dr. Patton strives to better understand the ancient food systems and how they were used in ancient civilizations. Dr. Patton not only conducts research and writes scientific reports, he also writes for popular and literary audiences.

Camelia Post-Abulawi

Terrific Trilobites



Sunday, Jan. 26th, 2:30p.m.

Michael Sandy

**Professor of Geology,
University of Dayton,**

Dr. Michael Sandy, Professor of Geology, teaches general education courses and in the curriculum for Geology, Environmental Geology and Environmental Biology majors. In addition, he conducts graduate workshops for teachers focusing on using local geologic resources in the classroom. He received the College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Scholarship Award in 1996, and the University of Dayton Alumni Award for Scholarship in 1997.

For our speaker series, he will tell the story of the complete trilobite specimen (14.5 inches in length) unearthed in Dayton in 1919. At this time, the world's largest. Hear about the fossil's life and times, its discovery, subsequent iconic status as inspiration for Ohio's State Fossil and former logo of the Dayton Museum of Natural History, and other "monster" trilobite discoveries from SW Ohio and North America.

Impact of Invasive Species on Wildlife and Songbirds



Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 2:30p.m.

Marne Titchenell

**Wildlife Program Specialist,
The Ohio State University**

Marne Titchenell wants to give Honeysuckle, Garlic mustard, Buckthorn and all other invasive the boot they deserve from our Ohio habitats and beyond. She will describe how invasive plants and animals impact our native wildlife species and why we need to manage these invasive species that weaken the health of our woods and the health of our wildlife. Marne will provide plans to fight them.

Marne received her BS in wildlife management and forestry from The Ohio State University in 2004. She continued her study of forest wildlife at OSU School of Environment and Natural Resources, where she obtained her MS in 2007. In late 2007, she became a Wildlife Extension Program Specialist, for OSU Extension.

Ohio Landscape and Wildlife Timeline



Sunday, Feb. 9th, 2:30p.m.

Sam Romeo

Aullwood Audubon Environmental Educator and Naturalist.

Did you know that once a squirrel could jump from tree to tree, never touching the ground, from Lake Erie to Southern Ohio? Did you know that in 1909, White-tailed Deer were considered nearly extinct in Ohio?

Ohio has a rich and varied history when it comes to its wildlife, landscape and forests. Our state has seen wildlife species and habitat come and go for more than 200 years. Changes in the landscape, increasing human population and advances in wildlife management knowledge and technology have created a timeline that is both sad and successful. Please join Aullwood's Sam Romeo in discussing and reviewing Ohio's history from pre-European settlement to today. This presentation will also review current conservation successes in Ohio and how organizations were able to bring once near endangered species back to thriving populations within their once destroyed habitats.

Exclusively for Friends of Aullwood Members only!

Tom Hissong



*Join us for ...
Membership
Appreciation Day
April 4, 2020*

Tom Hissong



Three-toed sloth

Tom Hissong



White-whiskered puffbird

Francesco Veronesi



Resplendent quetzal

Please R.S.V.P. by March 27 to 937-890-7360.



Celandine Poppy

Native Plant Sale

Last year, the State of Ohio passed legislation making the month of April "Native Plant Month" in Ohio. Now you can celebrate by getting your native plants at Aullwood's 16th annual Native Plant Sale on April 17 & 18, 2020, at the Farm Discovery Center, 9101 Frederick Pike.

Join the movement by planting native plants on your property. Ohio's native plants are essential to the survival of the vast number of birds, butterflies, bees, and other animals. By planting native plants, you will be creating new habitat for hundreds of species of insects and animals.

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**Aullwood's 16th
Annual Native
Plant Sale
will be held on
April 17 & 18, 2020**

*Be on the lookout for our
Native Plant Sale brochure
(arriving in March) to begin
making your selections.
Pre-orders are strongly
recommended as many
plants sell out quickly.*

Beer & Brewing with A Taste of Aullwood



Tickets are \$45/person.
Get your ticket now by
calling 937-890-7360



Sample locally brewed beer

*Join us February 15 from
6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at
Aullwood's Marie S. Aull
Education Center,
1000 Aullwood Road,
for Beer & Brewing
with A Taste of Aullwood*

Sample locally brewed beer from Warped Wing Brewing Company, Hairless Hare Brewery, and Fifth Street Brewpub and learn about local craft beers from the experts in our beer tasting sessions.

Sample delicious food from ten local restaurants and caterers including Christopher's Restaurant & Catering, Company 7 BBQ, Ray's Wine Spirits Grill, Mrs. B's Catering and many more!

A special treat awaits patrons as The Sugar Grove Bluegrass Band provides the perfect toe-tappin' bluegrass music for spending time with friends and neighbors. What could be better than good music, good beer, and good food? Remember to get your raffle tickets for amazing prizes!

One hundred percent of your ticket price supports Aullwood's environmental education programs for local students.

Native Plant Sale continued...

As always, Aullwood naturalists will be on hand to answer your questions about native plants. You can also research which native plants you would like to plant on the National Audubon Society's Plants for Birds website at audubon.org/plantsforbirds. Just enter your zip code to obtain a list of native plants compatible to your planting zone.



Cardinal flower



Sugar Grove Bluegrass Band 2019



Company 7 BBQ at Beer & Brewing 2019



Wild Bergamot

USFWS



For a copy of Chris Rowlands'
"Fall Cardinals," stop by the
Aullwood Nature Store.

Fresh Off the Farm

Making a Connection with Your Food

By Mindy Lloyd
Veterinary Technician

Do you know where your food comes from? For many people, it's their local grocery store.

The standard food label doesn't always give you all the information you need to make smart choices about your food, especially with meat. Was the animal raised ethically and with environmentally friendly practices? One way to find those answers is to buy your food locally. Farm to table takes us back to a time when our forefathers raised their food and took pride in their product.

That's why Aullwood has partnered with End of the Ridge Farms to sell locally grown select cuts of 100% grass fed beef and naturally-raised pork at the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center.

Brothers Dan, Bill and Mark Wickerham and their families own and operate End of the Ridge Farms near West Union, Ohio. End of the Ridge Farms began in 2001 as a small cow/calf operation

using conventional methods. Over time, they transitioned their farming practices to more sustainable approaches. For example, they rotationally graze 50-60 cattle almost daily. The cattle are never given hormones, steroids or antibiotics. These natural practices lead to a healthier, happier cow which means healthier product for the consumer. According to a Nutritional Survey of Commercially Available Grass-finished Beef, "100% grass-fed beef contain higher concentration of key nutrients, antioxidants, vitamins and beneficial fats than their grain-fed counterparts."

Please stop by Aullwood Farm to take advantage of this new opportunity!



For more information, contact Mindy Lloyd, Veterinary Technician, at 937-890-7360, extension 204 or mlloyd@audubon.org



Black Baldy cow and calf

Bill Wickerham



Wickerham brothers

End of the Ridge Farm





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



Raccoon front paw



Raccoon collecting apples



Raccoon raiding a feeder

Christopher Michaud

Naturally Curious

Rascally Racoons

By Nicole Conrad
Education Manager

Love them or hate them, raccoons are commonly seen in Ohio and can be found throughout North America. They are stocky mammals that usually range in size from 4-30 pounds. Their grayish coat of dense fur helps keep them warm in the winter. Raccoons are infamous for the black mask around their eyes which makes them look like little bandits and the 4-6 rings around their tail. On average their lifespan in the wild is 2-3 years. They have a highly developed sense of hearing and touch and are nocturnal.

Raccoons can be found in cities, neighborhoods and in the country, or anywhere they can find food and shelter. They prefer to live in wooded areas with water nearby, but are opportunistic when it comes to finding homes. Their homes are usually in hollow logs, trees, dens, attics or storm drains.

Their curiosity and enterprising nature can bring raccoons into conflict with humans. It is not uncommon for raccoons to raid garbage cans, gardens or accidentally walk through a pet door. Feeding raccoons can cause them to lose their fear of humans, expect food from humans and even become aggressive. Raccoons can transmit rabies, distemper and other diseases so one should keep a



Raccoon in hollow tree

BS Turner Hof



Raccoon climbing tree

US Fish & Wildlife

distance from them. Never handle or smell raccoon scat as it can contain parasites dangerous to humans. It is illegal to live trap and relocate raccoons to a new area. If you have a problem raccoon, contact your district wildlife office for more information.

Raccoons mate February through March with males mating with several females in a breeding season. Female gestation period is about 65 days. They usually have one litter a year with around four young, called kits. Kits live with their mother through the fall and sometimes during the winter. It is not uncommon for nursing mother raccoons to be more active during the day to take advantage of more available food. Because of this, daylight activity is not a reliable indicator of a sick raccoon.

Raccoons are opportunists and omnivores. They will try to eat anything that resembles food. Their diet is varied and can consist of berries, insects, eggs, nuts, acorns, clams, crayfish, baby birds, frogs or a variety of other foods. Bird feeders are an easy and dependable food source for raccoons. They are quite intelligent and can solve problems. They also have the advantage of having front paws that are hand-like and dexterous.

During winter, raccoons do not hibernate, but enter a dormant state to conserve energy. Raccoons may lose up to half of their body weight in the winter and can sleep for days or weeks at a time during really cold temperatures. During milder winter weather, raccoons are more active. Winter is the perfect time of year to look for raccoon tracks and investigate what your rascally raccoon neighbors have been up to!

Aullwood Gift Shop Delights!

Throw off those winter blues by bringing color and cheer to your home through the magic of art! On January 20-26, we are celebrating the work of some our favorite artists. You will find original pastel paintings by Kay Hissong and wildlife prints by Chris Rowlands. We are also digging into our archives and will offer for sale a limited number of prints by John Ruthven, Charlie Harper and more!

February is maple syrup time! While you are dashing through the snow, be sure to pick up a sweet treat. We have maple syrup for your Sunday morning pancakes and maple sugar cakes and maple candy drops to satisfy your sweet tooth all month long.

Grant cozy winter wishes by choosing a Valentine's Day gift for everyone on your list from the Aullwood Nature Store & Gift Shop! February 8-14, we'll be featuring cozy gloves & hats, colorful scarves and beautiful jewelry for her, handmade soaps and lotions for him and for her, and fun puzzles, games and snuggly plush for kids.

Escape that cabin fever and join us for Family Game Day on Saturday, February 29. Start by walking through Aullwood's winter wonderland and then warm up inside playing board games, working on a puzzle and enjoying hot chocolate and cookies.

We'll bid Old Man Winter goodbye in March with our Spring Fling sale! Shovel up savings on select store merchandise March 23-29 as we make room for new Spring merchandise. And who knows — you just might find that one-of-a-kind treasure you've been seeking.

Mike Moshala



*Friends of Aullwood gift memberships
are always available!*

A Friends of Aullwood gift membership is perfect for any occasion and at any time of the year. Along with your purchase, you will receive a gift card to announce your gift. You may choose the size (family, individual, individual plus one, student, senior, senior plus one or grandparent) and be assured of a great fit! 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.



January 20-26
It's warm and cozy in
the Aullwood
Audubon Nature
Store & Gift Shop!



So mark your calendar today!
January 20-26 – Winter Art Celebration
February 8-14 – Valentine's Day Shop
February 29 – Family Game Day
March 23-29 – Spring Fling



Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

January 2020 Programs

Warm up with a visit to Aullwood in January! Join us for the Winter Speaker Series or bundle up and take a hike on the frosty trails. General admission is \$10.00/adult and \$7.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Please note that Aullwood walks are weather dependent and are cancelled if there is thunder, lightning or heavy snow/rain. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

January 1

Aullwood Closed
New Year's Day

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Adult Discovery Walk
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

January 2, 3, 16, 17, 30, 31

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

January 4

Staying Warm in Winter Walk
1:30 p.m. (Farm)

January 8

Chipmunk Adventures:
Stranger in the Woods
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Farm)

January 12

Winter Speaker Series #1
“Woodland Fungi” – Jim Chatfield,
Associate Professor and Extension
Specialist OSU 2:30 p.m. (Center)

January 13

Volunteer Training: Today's Guest
Services 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
(Center)

January 19

Winter Speaker Series #2
“Harvest the Past, Feed the Future”
– Paul Patton, Archeobotanist
2:30 p.m. (Center)

January 20

Aullwood Closed
Martin Luther King Day

January 26

Winter Speaker Series #3
“Terrific Trilobites” – Michael Sandy,
Professor of Geology UD 2:30 p.m.
(Center)

January 27

Volunteer Field Trip – Franklin
Conservatory 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(Depart from Center)

Project Feeder Watch

Thursdays and Fridays, January 2, 3,
16, 17, 30, 31 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Help count and identify birds that
come to Aullwood's feeders! These
bird counts contribute to scientific
studies at the Cornell Lab of
Ornithology. Everyone is welcome
to help with this fun activity! Visit
the Cornell website feederwatch.org
for more information. (Center)



Red-bellied woodpecker

Jocelyn Anderson



Farm woods in winter

Adult Discovery Walk

Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Join us on a hike looking for birds,
tracks and other nature finds. Meet
us in the lobby of the Nature Center
for the start of morning discovery
walks then walk along Aullwood's
trails to experience the beautiful
winter landscape. Bring binoculars!
(Center)



Nature Center

Ken Fasimpaur

Staying Warm in Winter Walk

Saturday, January 4, 1:30 p.m.
Take a stroll through the barns to
discover how farm animals stay
warm in the winter. We'll also feel a
“blubber glove” to discover how
blubber helps insulate animals and
keep them warm. (Farm)



Deer tracks in snow

Tomasz Kurant



Mike Moshala

Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

February 2020 Programs

February is a great month to enjoy a Sugarbush Walk or count birds during the Annual Great Backyard Bird Count. General admission is \$10.00/adult and \$7.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Please note that Aullwood walks are weather dependent and are cancelled if there is thunder, lightning or heavy snow/rain. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

February 1

Read with the Animals Program
11:00 a.m. (Farm)

February 2

Winter Speaker Series #4
“Impact of Invasive Species on Wildlife and Songbirds” – Marne Titchenell, Wildlife Program Specialist OSU
2:30 p.m. (Center)

February 5

Chipmunk Adventures: Chipmunk Song
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Farm)

February 6, 13, 20, 27

Adult Discovery Walk
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

February 9

Winter Speaker Series #5
“Ohio Landscape and Wildlife Timeline” – Sam Romeo, Aullwood Environmental Educator 2:30 p.m. (Center)

February 10

Volunteer Training: Woodpeckers of Ohio
9:30-11:00 a.m. (Center)

February 13, 14, 27, 28

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

February 15

Great Backyard Bird Count
7:30-11:00 a.m. (Center)

February 15, 16, 22, 23, 29

Sugarbush Walks
2:30 p.m. (Farm)

February 15

Beer Brewing & A Taste of Aullwood 6:00-9:00 p.m. (Center)

February 17

Aullwood Closed
President's Day

February 24

Volunteer Field Trip:TBD
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(Depart from Center)

Project Feeder Watch

Thursday and Friday, February 13, 14, 27, 28 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Meet new people, drink coffee, share stories and help count birds! Our bird counts help contribute to scientific studies at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Check out the Cornell website at feederwatch.org for more information. (Center)



Read with the Animals Program

Saturday, February 1, 11:00 a.m. Share some love with your favorite farm animals by reading to them! Bring a cherished book (or a few), find a seat in the barn, and have fun reading! Our animals are excellent listeners and can't wait to hear your wonderful stories! (Farm)



Nicole Conrad
Student reading storybook with staff

Adult Discovery Walk

Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27
from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Aullwood's ever-changing trails reveal many new and exciting findings. Meet us in the lobby of the Nature Center for the start of morning discovery walks. Bring binoculars! (Center)

Sugarbush Walks

Saturdays and Sundays, February 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 2:30 p.m. The sap begins to move in the sugar maple trees as the length of each day increases. Join us as we learn the history of making maple syrup. Explore the sugarbush and the sugarhouse and taste maple syrup! (Farm)



Group on walk to Aullwood's Sugarhouse



Making maple syrup

Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

March 2020 Programs

Look for the beginnings of blooming wildflowers and early signs of spring in the month of March at Aullwood. General admission is \$10.00/adult and \$7.00/child unless otherwise noted. Members of Aullwood and National Audubon Society are admitted free. Please note that Aullwood walks are weather dependent and are cancelled if there is thunder, lightning or ice/heavy rain. Call 937-890-7360 for more information. Aullwood Center programs begin at 1000 Aullwood Road. Aullwood Farm Programs begin at 9101 Frederick Pike.

March 1

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

March 5, 12, 19, 26

Adult Discovery Walk
8:00-9:30 a.m. (Center)

March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 8

Pancake Brunch
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Farm)

March 11

Chipmunk Adventures:
March into Spring
10:00-11:30 a.m. (Farm)

March 12, 13, 26, 27

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

March 19

Spring Equinox

March 21

Spring in Your Step Walk
2:30 p.m. (Center)

March 23

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

March 29

Turtle Races Activity
2:30 p.m. (Center)

March 30

Volunteer Field Trip:TBD
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
(Depart from Center)

Project Feeder Watch

Thursday and Friday, March 12, 13, 26, 27 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Do you enjoy watching birds? If so, help us count our feathered friends at Aullwood! Your findings help contribute to scientific studies at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology! Check out the Cornell website at feederwatch.org for more information. (Center)

Spring in Your Step Walk

Saturday, March 21, 2:30 p.m.
Enjoy some fresh air and welcome spring by taking a walk around Aullwood! Search for signs of blooming wildflowers, look to the sky for early bird migrants and see what other discoveries you can find. Bring binoculars! (Center)



Bengt Nyman

Sugarbush Walk

Sunday, March 1, 2:30 p.m.

Discover how sugar maple trees are tapped for their sap and how that sap is turned into sweet maple syrup! Learn how maple syrup making got its start, take a hike in the sugarbush and taste this delicious syrupy treat! (Farm)



Hiking Sugarbush Trails

Adult Discovery Walks

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. Join us on this fun walk as we experience the warming landscape, birds and other exciting discoveries. Meet us in the lobby of the Nature Center for the start of our hiking adventures. Bring binoculars! (Center)

Turtle Races Activity

Sunday, March 29, 2:30 p.m.

Aullwood's Ambassador Turtles are always in need of exercise! Come learn a little bit about the turtles at Aullwood, then watch them get some exercise. See if you can guess which turtle is the fastest! (Center)



Map Turtle



Great Backyard Bird Count



Fox sparrow

Ruhikant Meetei



Female cardinal

Ruhikant Meetei

Aullwood is participating in the 2020 Great Backyard Bird Count!

**Saturday, February 15, from 7:30-11:00 a.m.
at Aullwood's Nature Center.**

Participants are invited to come to Aullwood on the morning of February 15 to count the birds that visit our feeders. This event is free, fun and an easy way to learn and watch birds together. All ages are welcome.

If you are not able to join us at Aullwood, you can still participate from your backyard, or anywhere in the world. Visit birdcount.org

For more information about the Great Backyard Bird Count, contact Environmental Educator Sam Romeo at **937-890-7360 ext. 223**.



Blue jay

Ruhikant Meetei



Eastern bluebird (male)

Dehaan



Chipmunk Adventures

Classes for Preschool Children

January 8 / February 5 / March 11, 2020

New adventures are always around the corner for our Chipmunks! Let's grow up in nature together. A healthy childhood involves a heart for nature and encourages an appreciation for the earth. Cognitive and hands-on learning takes place in every session. All sessions include stories, art work, songs and hikes outside in our beautiful woods and on the farm.

Please dress for the weather conditions. We will be outside for part of each session unless severe weather threatens. All classes will be held at the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center.

Bev Holland, Environmental Educator, is the class teacher. Get engaged this winter! For more information and to register for class call 937-890-7360. We are looking forward to seeing you! For more information call 937-890-7360.



Hiking at the Farm

Nicole Conrad



Preschool child experimenting with magnifying glass

Nicole Conrad

Chipmunk Adventures is for 2-5 year olds (with an adult). The themes and dates are:

Stranger in the Woods	Jan. 8	Wed. 10 a.m.-11:30a.m. Farm Auditorium
Chipmunk Song	Feb. 5	Wed. 10 a.m.-11:30a.m. Farm Classroom
March into Spring	Mar. 11	Wed. 10 a.m.-11:30a.m. Farm Classroom

Individual classes: \$15 for members,
\$17 for non-members / Class limit: 10 (5 minimum)

Volunteer Corner

Volunteering is Good for You!

When we think about volunteerism, we often think about how it brings us together as a community and helps keep businesses and other organizations running smoothly. Volunteering does better our community; it's also better for you as an individual.

According to a June, 2019 article on HelpGuide, a nonprofit mental health and wellness website, there are four benefits to volunteering that will help you feel healthier and happier:

1. Volunteering connects you to others
2. Volunteering is good for your mind and body
3. Volunteering can advance your career
4. Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life

Did you make a resolution for the New Year to become involved in our community? If you would like to learn how Aullwood's volunteer program can better your life and how your volunteerism can support our mission, please call 937-890-7360 ext. 214 for more information.

Visit their website to read the entire article by authors Jeanne Segal, Ph.D. and Lawrence Robinson:

<https://www.helpguide.org/articles/healthy-living/volunteering-and-its-surprising-benefits.htm>



Brad and Kelsey Nimmo at the Cider Press during Apple Fest



Valerie Hagemeyer and volunteers in the children's activity area during Apple Fest



Marsh and McLennan Agency staff clearing willow around Farm Duck Pond



Marsh and McLennan Agency staff removing bush honeysuckle



DHL employees clearing Wiles Creek



DHL employees clearing downed trees from around Wiles Creek

Corporate Volunteers Make a Big Impact at Aullwood Audubon

This fall, employees from Marsh and McLennan Agency did some major improvements around the Duck Pond at the Farm, and DHL staff cleared downed trees and logjams in Wiles Creek from behind the Nature Center down to Aullwood Gardens Metropark. We are thrilled to partner with these two organizations who helped us with these much-needed land management projects. Both sites are more accessible to the public as well as for our school programs.

If your business is interested in team building through volunteerism, please let us know — we'd be happy to work with you!

January – March 2020

Fall into Winter Volunteer Activities and Opportunities

For more information, please call

Nenita Lapitan, Manager of Volunteer and Rental Services at 937-890-7360, ext. 214 or email her at lapitan@audubon.org.

Grass Tamers and Mechanical Tinkerers

We're looking for handy people to join the Maintenance Crew. Experience working on ladders, woodworking, plumbing, electrical work or small motors is always a plus, though not required. With springtime approaching, we are especially looking for people to help mow at either the Farm or the Center using our zero-turn mowers. Training provided; schedules are flexible.

More Than a Greeter

Our Guest Services team is looking for two volunteers for the Monday morning and afternoon shifts at the Nature Center. We also need a few volunteers willing to fill in where needed at either the Center or Farm when regularly scheduled

volunteers are absent. This is a critical role to fulfill as you may be the only person who interacts with our visitors. If you enjoy talking with people and are comfortable working with a computer, this is a wonderful way to support Aullwood's mission. Training provided.



Jane Higgins, Guest Services volunteer

Green Thumb Gardeners

The best thing about gardening is that you can try something new every spring. The Edible Garden is returning to a traditional, cultivated garden style.

Mindy would love to have a crew of about four people to help her restart and tend the garden from the spring through fall.



As Mindy is new to gardening, we hope to find some volunteers with gardening experience to assist and coach her. This position requires a commitment of two hours, once a week; days and times are flexible. This is a fun opportunity to enjoy the farm as well as our frisky and friendly animal ambassadors!

VOLUNTEER FOR OUR SPECIAL EVENTS

Cookies and Natural History:

Winter Speakers Series Assistant

Volunteer to meet, greet and direct visitors to the auditorium and then enjoy hearing an exciting natural history presentation! After the presentation, volunteers assist staff with stacking chairs.

Winter Speaker Series programs are held at the Marie S. Aull Education Center on January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9. The time commitment is 2:15-4:30 p.m. 1-2 volunteers needed to assist at each program.

An Irresistible Combination:

Beer Brewing and a Taste of Aullwood

February 15 (Center)

Volunteers assist with beer tasting flights, pour tastes from local breweries, sell raffle tickets, greet and check in guests and keep things neat and tidy. Volunteers must be 21+ and preference will be given to those having previous Aullwood special event experience. Time commitment is 5:30-10:00 p.m. Volunteers will be able to taste the offerings of local caterers and breweries; in addition, volunteers enjoy complimentary pizza and drinks.



Flipping Flapjacks: Friends of Aullwood Pancake Breakfast

March 8 (Farm)

Help serve pancakes, sausage, eggs, hot or cold drinks at this classic Aullwood event! Volunteer Naturalists are needed to lead tours to Aullwood's Sugar Shack. Shifts are typically 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 11:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Volunteers may enjoy a delicious, hot complimentary breakfast.



Save these Dates:

- NATIVE PLANT SALE: Week of April 13, event April 18
- FARM BABIES FEST: May 16 and 17

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The Aull Society

Save the Date!

It is an honor to recognize our Aull Society Members. We have an event planned just for you!

Save the date on **Friday, May 15, 2020** from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm at Aullwood Farm for another Peep Show! We will have a special farm babies program planned just for you with wine, cheese, and delectable treats to enjoy!

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In memory of:

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Roy Boots

Dorothy McGatha Elmore

Richard "Dick" Leist

Michael Leo

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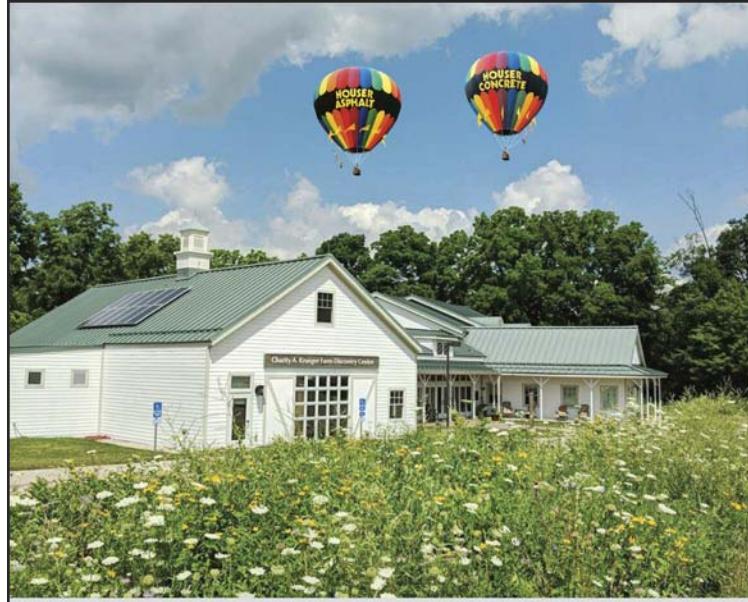
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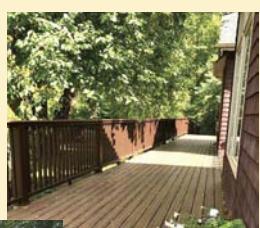
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