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Alexis R. Faust
Executive Director

Director's Corner

"I like to think that to one
in sympathy with nature,
each season, in turn,
seems the loveliest."

— Mark Twain

The Changing Seasons

The other night I stood in a back field at the Aullwood Farm in the evening. Nighthawks, still here in late September, were gathered together in groups, swooping over the field, silent for once, catching insects to fuel them on their long journey. (Many end up in Argentina, 6,000 miles away!) The fields were almost completely yellow with Goldenrod, and dozens upon dozens of Monarchs were stopping on their journey south. It was something out of a picture book, really, and I thought, "If summer has to end, it could not go out in any better way than this."

Every fall, it's always a few days before I realize I don't hear the bickering of the Hummingbirds at my feeder any longer. As soon as they leave, I start thinking about when they will be back. We just bought hummingbird swings for the store — did you know that they love to sit and swing where they can have a clear view of their favorite feeder?

The Barn swallows have left. The male Goldfinches don't look quite as bright yellow anymore. The Eastern bluebirds have abandoned their nests.

Despite all of these changes, there is still so much to look forward to as winter approaches. After all, is there anything more beautiful than a male Cardinal in snow? Or the cacophony of birds at a winter feeder? Or the possibility of catching a glimpse of a too-far-south Snowy owl?

Bring it on!



Nighthawk



Hummingbird swing



Monarch on Goldenrod



Bald eagle. ((*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*)). Audubon
Photo. Mitzi Gellman.



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Bird Seed Sale

Don't miss the Friends of Aullwood Fall Bird Seed Sale! This sale is preorder only, curbside pickup only on **Saturday, November 6**, and will offer Aullwood Deluxe Blend, Black Oil Sunflower Seed, Sunflower Chips and Thistle Seed. Watch your mail, email and Aullwood's social media for detailed information.

The order website will also feature bird feeders, field guides and bird-inspired puzzles, games and décor that can also be ordered for curbside pickup.

Saturday • Nov. 6

Dave Anderson



Museum Store Sunday

Sunday • Nov. 28 • 12:00-5:00 pm



Museum Store Sunday is celebrated at museums worldwide to recognize the importance of museum gift stores to art and natural history museums, nature centers, arboretums and botanical gardens.

The Aullwood Nature Store and Gift Shop welcomes you. Our holiday décor, books, bird feeders, games, puzzles, puppets, jewelry, kitchen ware, greeting cards and accessories have been carefully chosen to offer shoppers a beautiful and unique selection. We are pleased to offer merchandise from Aurora, Barefoot Books, Birds Choice, Cavallini & Co., Dana Herbert, The DM Collection, eeBoo, Folkmanis, Gingiber, Global Crafts, Lucuma, Motowi Tile Works, Pomegranate, Toysmith, Woodlink and more.

Enjoy complimentary coffee and cookies. And, from 2:00-3:00 pm, an Aullwood Naturalist will be on hand to answer all your questions about birds and bird feeding, snakes and turtles, and other natural history topics.

Holiday Art Fair

Saturday • Dec. 11 • 9am-5pm



On this special **Saturday, December 11**, twenty artisan and craft vendors will fill the Nature Center auditorium and discovery rooms. Find ceramics, candles, basketry, wood working, jewelry, photography, hand-made soaps and lotions, garden décor, hand-carved birds and Santas and much more.

Visit the Aullwood Nature Store and Gift Shop for unique, educational and fun gifts. Enjoy complimentary coffee and cookies.



Ken Fasimpaur



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Project FeederWatch 2021-2022

You're Invited!

Project FeederWatch is a **winter-long survey** of birds seen at feeders, coordinated by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Birds Canada. Data from Project FeederWatch helps scientists track broad-scale movements of winter bird populations and long-term trends in bird distribution and abundance. FeederWatch results are regularly published in scientific journals and are shared with ornithologists and bird lovers nationwide.

People count birds in their own backyards, or you can help Aullwood by counting birds at our feeders. Everyone is welcome to participate — people of all birding skill levels and backgrounds including children, families, individuals, retired persons, and those with accessibility issues. You'll stay warm and cozy inside the **Nature Center** while watching, identifying, and counting birds. This important community science project is made possible through the tremendous volunteer leadership of Gary and Carolyn Harpel and Chris Birch.

Due to COVID-19, the National Audubon Society and Aullwood Audubon have instituted the following health and safety policies:

- *Masks are required inside buildings, regardless of vaccination status; exceptions for those two and under and those with medical issues.*
- *Due to the high transmission rates of the Delta variant, complimentary coffee and snacks will not be available, and we ask that you do not bring food or drink to share with others.*
- *Rooms will have a maximum number of people permitted at one time; we encourage participants to move around to allow everyone access to every vantage point.*

Project FeederWatch is from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Nature Center on the following dates:

2021

November 18 & 19
December 2 & 3
December 16 & 17

2022

January 6 & 7
January 20 & 21
February 3 & 4
February 17 & 18
March 3 & 4
March 17 & 18
March 31 & April 1



Pamela Brown

White-breasted nuthatch



Jacki Byers

American goldfinch, Housefinch, and Chickadee



Scott McClurg

Northern cardinal



Rolland Swain

Pileated woodpecker

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Beer & Brewing with a Taste of Aullwood

It's coming back! Join us in 2022 for the exciting return of Beer & Brewing with A Taste of Aullwood.

We will be very excited to welcome you back to this much-loved event in 2022, where you can enjoy a relaxing evening of delicious samples from local restaurants and caterers and amazing local craft beers. Our expert brewers will once again lead informative tasting sessions and we promise toe-tappin' music! What could be better than good music, good beer, and good food? Stay tuned to our web site and social media channels for more details as soon as they are available.

Proceeds from this special event support Aullwood's environmental education programs for local students!



Sample locally-brewed beer



Chipmunk Adventures

Classes for Preschool Children

Class dates: Oct. 6, 20 & Nov. 10

Fall is here and the Chipmunk Adventures classes are hiking into brand new nature explorations! Children ages 2-5, accompanied by an adult, will be busy every session with cognitive and hands-on learning experiences. Whether in the woods, on the farm, in the prairie or in the creek, children will be engaged in a natural world of wonder. Songs, artwork, stories, and hikes accompany each session.

Classes will be conducted outside underneath the Farm Pavilion, unless otherwise noted. Please dress for the weather conditions. This program is taught by Bev Holland, Environmental Educator.

Come out and hike with us into a "brand new adventure" in nature!

For more information and to register, please call **937-890-7360**. See you soon!



Nicole Conrad



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

Friendly Helpers Scavenger Hunt	Oct. 6	Wed. 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Farm Pavilion
Friendly Helpers Scavenger Hunt	Oct. 20	Wed. 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Farm Pavilion
Save a Pumpkin for Me	Nov. 10	Wed. 10:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. Farm Pavilion

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).

Naturally Curious

Give the Yardwork a Break to Help Wildlife!

By Nenita Lapitan
Manager of Volunteer & Rental Services

Fall has arrived, and it's so tempting to neaten up our gardens after summer's blooms fade. If you let your garden stay a bit "messy" over the winter, your kindness will help pollinators and other wildlife survive the winter.

Many butterfly species such as Black, Giant and Tiger Swallowtails and Cecropia moths spend the winter attached to sticks and stems as chrysalids. Native bees, butterfly and moth larvae, and even some spider species go into diapause (similar to hibernation) and hide in the plant litter, undergrowth and hollow plant stems of your garden. Overwintering queen bumblebees and wasps need a warmer place to get out of the coming winter weather — clumps of grasses and small piles of cut plants may be just the microclimate they need to survive until spring.

You can also help other beneficial insects like beetles, centipedes, millipedes and pill bugs by piling leaf litter in your gardens. These *detritovores* will break down the leaves, creating a nutrient-rich compost to give your plants a jump-start in the spring. Flowers, stems, berries and leaves left in place means that winter food sources are more available for birds. Creatures sheltering in leaf litter and plants may be found by foraging birds in search of protein-rich food. Clumps of intact plants will attract and protect birds from winter weather and predators. Add some feeders and a heated bird bath or water feature, and you may be surprised at the increased number of bird species that visit your yard during the cold winter months.

Frogs and toads bury themselves in leaf litter, crevasses, and soil underneath plants, shrubs and logs to survive the cold season. Spring Peepers aren't very good at burying themselves very deep, but they have high concentrations of sugar, or glucose, in their bodies which is a natural antifreeze. They can freeze to the point that their hearts stop beating and they stop breathing. Once the weather gets warm, they thaw out and their heart and lungs start working again so they can begin their welcome songs to herald in springtime.

If you cut down plants and rake leaves out your flower beds, you may be cleaning away the butterflies, bees, amphibians, and reptiles who rely on that habitat to survive the winter. So, leave the rake and pruners in the shed, sit back and enjoy the fall with a cup of cider and feel great about all the pollinators and wildlife you are protecting in your yard.



Gary Mueller

White-crowned sparrow



Melissa McMasters

Spring peeper



sdetwiler

Black swallowtail chrysalis



David Boltz

Fox sparrow



Alan Schmierer

Giant swallowtail butterfly



Nanita Lapitan

Milkweed in winter



Snow-covered grass

Paul Harrison

2021 Aullwood Program and Class Calendar



Danielle Scott

October 2021 Programs

It's the middle of fall – trees are turning glorious colors and birds are still winging their way south. The sun is shining and the weather is cool – it's the perfect time to enjoy the outdoors at Aullwood. Experience painting and drawing in the landscape in Chris Rowland's Plein Air Painting Workshop for Adults. Participate in an Adult Member Discovery Walk to look for migrating birds or stroll under the full moon to hear and maybe even see owls and coyotes! Join Kate Burkman, Animal Care Assistant, on Snake Wednesssday to discover fun facts about our sssslithery sssnakey friends.

October – Self-guided Family Activity (Farm)

October 6, 20 – Chipmunks Adventures – 10:00-11:45 a.m. (Farm)

October 6, 20 – Snake Wednesssday – 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Nature Center)

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

October 9 – Chris Rowlands Plein Air Painting Workshop for Adults – 1:00-5:00 p.m. (Center)

October 10 – Fall Colors Extravaganza – 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. (Center)

October 11 – Aullwood closed – Indigenous Peoples' Holiday

October 23 – Full Moon Stroll – 7:00-8:30 p.m. (Farm)

October Self-Guided Family Activity Would You? Could You? Live in a Barn? You will find many different kinds of barns on Ohio farms. Using the Self-Guided Family Walk Scavenger Hunt Sheet, discover what kind of barn is on Aullwood's Farm. Explore different parts of the barn: learn what the parts are called and what is kept there, and of course, who lives in our barn?!

October 6, 20 Chipmunk Adventures (see article on page 5)

Snake Wednesssday (Everyone)
October 6, 20 – 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Have you ever wondered how snakes eat without any limbs? Come to this fascinating program, led by Animal Care Assistant Kate Burkman

to learn fun facts about our slithery reptile ambassadors – for instance, did you know our snakes are bathed regularly?! You may even observe them eating. Spoiler Alert: our snakes are fed dead, whole mice. This program is recommended for ages 5+ and is limited to 10 participants per session; meet in the Nature Center lobby. Free for members of Aullwood NAS and ANCA; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate.

Member Adult Discovery Walk

(Members) October 7, 14, 21, 28 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. – These walks are for Aullwood and National Audubon Society members only. Explore Aullwood's trails searching for birds and other nature finds! Binoculars recommended. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Nature Center at least 5 min. 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.



Chris Rowlands Plein Air Painting Workshop for Adults

(Everyone)
October 9 – 1:00-5:00 p.m. – Immerse yourself in the landscape and capture the mood and emotion of that time through painting and drawing outdoors, also called plein air. Whether you choose to paint in oil, acrylics, watercolor, color pencil or crayon, you can enjoy the plein air experience. Plein air painting is the best way to see the true colors of nature. Learn to simplify your painting process and technique to paint in a shorter period of time. Study how light behaves in different situations and learn to understand atmospheric values. This program is for adults age 18+ only. Class participants need

to bring their own supplies, including paint, pencils, brushes, canvas or paper. Wear comfortable shoes and clothing to be outdoors in the early fall. Recommended supplies: Windsor Newton oil paints, acrylics or watercolors; Prismacolor or Faber-Castel Polychromos color pencils, though you may bring any brand – make sure you have a variety of colors, including primary and secondary colors. This event is limited to 20 participants; pre-registration is required; meet in the lobby of the Nature Center. Fee is \$25 for Friends of Aullwood members; \$30 for non-members and does not include supplies.



Liz West

Fall Colors Extravaganza (Everyone)
October 10 – 2:30-3:30 p.m. – There's nothing better than hiking through Aullwood on a beautiful fall day! Learn about tree chemistry and why tree leaves change color in the fall. Pick up some basic tree identification skills and make a small leaf collection to take home. This event is limited to 20 participants; meet in the lobby of the Nature Center. Free for members of Aullwood, NAS and ANCA; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate.

Full Moon Stroll (Everyone)
October 23 – 7:00-8:30 p.m. – It's fun and exciting to explore Aullwood at night. Hike at the Farm with Environmental Educator Sam Romeo searching for nocturnal creatures such as owls and coyotes. Enjoy the brilliant stars and a nearly-full moon. Binoculars recommended. You may bring a flashlight. This event is limited to 20 participants; meet on the sidewalk in front of the Farm Discovery Center. Free for members of Aullwood NAS and ANCA; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate.

2021 Aullwood Program and Class Calendar

November Snow Geese

November 2021 Programs

Nature is winding down for her long sleep, but there is still so much beauty to enjoy outdoors. The prairie has transformed into a serene, calm place of natural browns, greys and greens with Eastern Bluebirds providing surprising pops of color. The stark beauty of the sycamores creates a stunning vision of white in the woodlands. There's a lot to do in November: make a hand-dipped beeswax candle, find the big trees of Aullwood with Environmental Educator Sam Romeo, pick up some birdseed for our feathered friends, and help us count birds for science by joining Project FeederWatch!

November – Self-guided Family Activity (Nature Center)

November 3, 17 –

Snake Wednesday – 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Nature Center)

November 4, 18 – Member Adult Discovery Walk – 8:00-9:30 a.m. (Nature Center)

November 6 – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friends of Aullwood Birdseed Sale (Farm)

November 7, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 – Candle Dipping – 2:30-3:30 pm (Farm)

November 10 – Chipmunk Adventures – 10:00-11:45 a.m. (Farm)

November 11 – Aullwood closed – Veterans' Day holiday

November 13 – Big Trees of Aullwood Exploration – 2:30-4:00 p.m. (Nature Center)

November 18, 19 – Project FeederWatch – 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Nature Center)

November 25-26 – Aullwood closed – Thanksgiving holiday

November 28 – Museum Store Sunday – 12:00-5:00 p.m. (Nature Center)

November Self-guided

Family Activity (Everyone)

Expedition Turtle! Scutes and Carapace and Plastron, Oh, My! Enjoy exploring Aullwood's turtles at the Nature Center.

In the water or on land, Aullwood's turtles are fascinating animals. Discover how many different turtle ambassadors live at Aullwood's Nature Center. Observe their habitats. Are their homes all the same? Do the turtles all look alike? Using the Family Self-Guided Walk Scavenger Hunt sheet, see how many facts about turtles you can learn. Happy expedition! Turtle on

November 6 Friends of Aullwood Bird Seed Sale (see article on page 3)



Join us for Snake Wednesday

Snake Wednesday (Everyone)

November 3, 17 – 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Have you ever wondered how snakes eat without any limbs? Come to this fascinating program, led by Animal Care Assistant Kate Burkman to learn fun facts about our slithery reptile ambassadors – for instance, did you know our snakes are bathed regularly?! You may even observe them eating. Spoiler Alert: our snakes are fed dead, whole mice. This program is recommended for ages 5+ and is limited to 10 participants per session; meet in the Nature Center lobby. Free for members of Aullwood, NAS and ANCA; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate.

Member Adult Discovery Walk

(Members) November 4, 18 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. – These walks are for Aullwood and National Audubon Society members only. Explore Aullwood's trails searching for birds and other nature finds! Binoculars recommended. Please be ready and waiting on the main sidewalk of the Nature Center at least 5 min. 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.



Candle Dipping (Everyone)

November 7, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 – 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Note: Big Trees of Aullwood walk is on 11/13 so no CD program that day). This fun, hands-on activity is back for the holiday season. Choose to make a red and/or blue candle – they make a special gift for anyone. This program is limited to 20 participants per session; meet in the lobby of the Farm Discovery Center. Everyone must pay \$3 for each 100% beeswax candle made – Admission is free for members of Aullwood NAS and ANCA; non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate.

November 10 Chipmunk

Adventures (see article on page 5)

Big Trees of Aullwood (Everyone)

November 13 – 2:30-4:00 p.m. – In 1993, Montgomery County searched for trees that exceeded 100-inches in circumference. After measuring more than 1,000 trees, it was discovered that one-fourth of these ancient trees were located at Aullwood. Join Environmental Educator Sam Romeo to discover the big trees that are still standing and learn about their contributions to the ecosystem over the years. Binoculars are recommended; meet in the Nature Center lobby. Free for members of Aullwood, NAS and ANCA, non-members may register and pay our general admission prices to participate.

November 18, 19 Project

FeederWatch (see article on page 4)

November 28 Museum Store

Sunday (see article on page 3)

December 2021 Programs

Days continue to get shorter until the Winter Solstice on December 21. If there is some snow the ground, it's great fun to look for animal tracks and come up with a story about their adventures. Learn how plants and animals survive the winter during Discover Nature's Survival Skills! Find the perfect holiday gift among local artisans and crafters at Aullwood's Holiday Art Fair. Sit inside the warm and cozy Nature Center and contribute to Project FeederWatch, an important community science project that keeps track of birds visiting feeders.

December Self-Guided Family Activity (Nature Center and Farm)

December 2, 9, 16, 23 – Member Discovery Walk – 8:00-9:30 a.m. (Nature Center)

December 2, 3, 16, 17 – Project FeederWatch – 9:30-11:30 a.m. (Nature Center)

December 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19 – Candle Dipping – 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Farm)

December 11 – Holiday Art Fair – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Nature Center)

December 24 – Aullwood closes at 3:00 p.m. for Christmas Eve

December 25 – January 1 – Aullwood closed – Winter Break

December Self-Guided Family Activity (Everyone) Brrr! It's winter! Choose any trail and hike to discover the sights, sounds, smells, and feels of the winter season. Can you find a snow-covered branch? Do you hear the wind singing through the trees? How about the smell of evergreens, or the feel of snowflakes blowing in your face? Are there animal tracks in the snow? Pick up a Family Self-Guided Walk Scavenger

Hunt sheet at either the Center or the Farm and choose your trail. Enjoy the cold as you find objects pictured on this winter list. Welcome winter!



Raccoon tracks in the snow

USFWS Midwest

Member Adult Discovery Walk (Members) December 2, 9, 16, 23 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. – These walks are for Aullwood and National Audubon Society members only. Explore Aullwood's trails searching for birds and other nature finds! Binoculars recommended. 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.



Project FeederWatch Blue jay

Terri Cofell

December 2, 3, 16, 17 Project FeederWatch (see article on page 4)

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Child dipping candle

December 11 Holiday Art Fair (see article on page 3)



Project FeederWatch, Pine siskin

Linda Butler



Volunteer Corner 2021

October • November • December

With appreciation . . .

Maintenance Volunteer Extraordinaire — Dansen Brown

On September 22, 2021 Partners for the Environment recognized Dansen Brown for his volunteer service to protect, preserve and restore environmental and agricultural resources of the Greater Miami River and Little Miami River watersheds.

Dansen's commitment to Aullwood's mission began in 1996 when he began volunteering for our special events while working two jobs: teaching mathematics at Wright State University and being a mathematician/programmer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. When Dansen retired in 2004, he joined our Maintenance Team where he quickly became a force for nature.

Dansen's tractor-driving skills are an important part of our land management plans — by mowing and bush-hogging meadows, pastures and prairie at the correct time of the year, Aullwood is able to maintain these unique habitats for birds and wildlife that need grasslands to survive and thrive. These habitats are key components to Long-term Butterfly Monitoring, an important community science project through Ohio Lepidopterists, as well as a living exhibit for children and families to discover through hands-on exploration.

Dansen has taken his extensive mathematical skills and creatively applied them to designing and building stunning exhibits for Aullwood Audubon. While Dansen has made many types of exhibits for Aullwood, the exhibits housing our wildlife ambassadors including turtles and venomous and non-venomous snakes are particularly noteworthy. With input from staff, Dansen takes a rough idea and turns it into an exhibit that is safe and spacious for the animal, protects and brings the visitor near, and is aesthetically appealing. Allowing visitors close accessibility to these animals encourages people's curiosity. They learn about Ohio wildlife, dispel misunderstandings and fears, and increase understanding and a desire to protect these creatures.

Though much of Dansen's work is behind the scenes, the results of his numerous projects are a tremendous benefit to the public as they enjoy safe interactions with reptiles, amphibians and raptors. Visitors enjoy exploring the various habitats within our nature sanctuary, without ever knowing the skills and hours of work it takes to maintain them.

Dansen's long-lasting contributions to Aullwood will be enjoyed by our visitors for years to come. We are thrilled that Partners for the Environment has recognized Dansen for his numerous contributions with the Environmental Lifetime Achievement Award.



Dansen Brown at his various activities around Aullwood.

Fall into Winter Volunteer Activities and Opportunities

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

READS Mentors.

Help a child appreciate nature! Aullwood Audubon is looking for volunteers for the READS after-school program with Northridge Elementary 4th grade students. "READS" stands for "Resources of the Earth and Agriculture Discovered and Shared" and includes tutoring reading skills, mentoring and exploring the outdoors. Once a week, mentors and students explore a natural history theme through hands-on experiences and read a book together.

We are looking for volunteers (age 16+) to join our READS Mentorship Volunteer Team. The program is at Aullwood on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:45 pm for 9 weeks on October 5, 12, 19, 26; November 9, 16, 30; and December 7, 14.



Nenita Lapitan

Beth Fuller and
READs student

Henry Wilson, READs volunteer
with student

November 6 - Friends of Aullwood Birdseed Sale.

Help our feathered friends by supporting Aullwood's annual Birdseed Sale. We provide curbside service to customers, and volunteers load pre-ordered birdseed and other purchases into personal vehicles. 6-8 loaders needed for each shift: 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 2:15-4:45 p.m. It's easy to sign up to volunteer, just visit Aullwood's website www.aullwood.org and look under Events.



Todd Stowe, Volunteer
at the Bird Seed Sale

Trail Tamers.

The trails need some artful trimming. This means a volunteer should have the ability and willingness to take the time to consider aesthetics when pruning/cutting back tree limbs and shrubs. Commitment is 2-4 hours once a week for 4 months. Days available are Mon.-Fri. between 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; tools provided. Activities include reaching, stooping, bending, using hand tools (not chain saws), moving brush, walking on uneven ground. Please bring your own leather gloves. Must be 18+ years old.

Scales & Tales Animal Care.

Looking for one or two volunteers to help Kate, our Animal Care Assistant, with cleaning animal tanks and preparing food for some of our wildlife ambassadors. These activities are for the care of our turtles and non-venomous snakes only. Activities include chopping/mashing food; scrubbing tanks with vinegar, cleaning filters, dumping dirty water and refilling with clean water. Must be a good observer, have excellent listening skills and be willing to follow instructions. Commitment is 2-3 hours once a week for 4 months. Days available are Monday-Friday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Must be 18+ years old.

Guest Services.

We're expecting to see a large increase in visitors over the next year, so we're building up our Guest Services Team. These important volunteers are the first interaction guests have with Aullwood. Guest Services volunteers check in members, ring up admissions and purchases in the nature store and process memberships. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and show off our facility. Ideally, we'd like to have one more person per shift to work alongside our veteran Guest Services volunteers. Shifts are Mon. through Sat. from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Sun. from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Volunteers should be comfortable with computers, electronic cash registers and credit card machines.



Project FeederWatch
volunteers

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Funds held in an individual retirement account (IRA) can be donated to charity. What's more, if you've reached the age where you need to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) from your traditional IRAs, you can avoid paying taxes on them by donating that money to charity. That tax break was made permanent in 2015. If you are age 72 or older, you can make these gifts directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to the Friends of Aullwood, Inc. without paying income tax on the withdrawal. These are called QCD or Qualified Charitable Deductions. Requirements include:

- You must be age 72 or older at the time the gift is made.
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- All distribution checks need to be made payable to your designated charity or they will be counted as taxable distributions.
- Gifts can be used to satisfy your IRA required minimum distribution each year.
- Each person may give up to \$100,000 annually.
- You cannot also list this donation on your schedule A when filing taxes.
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Funds held in 401(k), 403(b), SEP-IRA or SIMPLE IRA plans are not eligible, but may be rolled over into a Standard IRA and then used to make tax-free gifts to your charity of choice.

Remember all gifts made to Aullwood are 100% tax deductible and you will be supporting our beautiful nature sanctuary, all of the amazing environmental education programs as well as the outreach programs and artistic residencies with Chris Rowlands at local schools!

If you have further questions about giving through your IRA, please contact Laurie Cothran at laurie.cothran@audubon.org or **937-890-7360** x216 for confidential personal assistance. Thank you!

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A Friends of Aullwood gift membership is perfect for any occasion and at any time of the year. Along with your purchase, you can select a gift box and card to announce your gift. You may choose the level (Family, Individual, Senior Couple, Student, Grandparent and more!) and be assured of a great fit! So many benefits await including reciprocal admissions and discounts at over 180 nature centers around the country! It's a gift that will be used year-round and is ideal for that hard to shop for person

Call 937-890-7360 for more information.



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Buy and Donate Business Partnerships

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

Kroger Community Rewards Program



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

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."

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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.

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