



MEMBER NEWS

October-December 2020

Aullwood Audubon





*“The future’s in the air
I can feel it everywhere
Blowing like the wind of change...”
— Song by the Scorpions*

Director’s Corner

Alexis R. Faust
Executive Director

The Winds of Change

In any given year, the fall season gets me thinking about change — change in the seasons, in the environment, what birds we see, and in our schedules. This fall, as the world swirls around us like a divisive tornado of unrest, change seems to mean so much more than it ever has before, at least in my lifetime. It is essential, critical, imminent — it is coming.

I feel we are standing on the brink of a revolution. Someday, historians will look back, tapping their fingers on the pages of some tome of our century, describing 2020 and 2021 as those pivotal years in human evolution where we finally began to truly care — for each other and for our planet.

I am reminded of the great works of biologist and author, Lewis Thomas, who wrote, among many other books, *The Lives of a Cell: Notes of a Biology Watcher*. Thomas had a way of combining his knowledge of the biology of the living with his extraordinary wisdom and insight into humanity. He was a big believer in why it was important for us to care.

He said in *The Lives of a Cell*, that “statistically, the probability of any one of us being here is so small that you’d think the mere fact of existing would keep us all in a contented dazzlement of surprise.” What would it be like if we simply viewed each other through the lens of dazzled amazement? What a different world it would be.

He had a similar view of our planet and all living things. “If we had better hearing,” he said, “and could discern the descants of sea birds, the rhythmic tympani of schools of mollusks, or even the distant harmonics of midges hanging over meadows in the sun, the combined sound might lift us off our feet.” Indeed.

Lift yourselves up this fall, be dazzled and amazed, and welcome the change. It is good and it is moving us to a better place in a kinder world.



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Naturally Curious



Chipmunk Hoarders

By Nicole Conrad
Education Manager

Eastern chipmunks, *Tamias striatus*, are commonly found in Ohio and are members of the squirrel family. Out of the 25 species of chipmunks, 24 are found in North America and one species is found in Asia. Eastern chipmunks have reddish-brown fur with five black stripes and two white or tan stripes on their back with a bristly tail. They have a dark stripe of fur through their eyes and a white stripe above and under their eyes. Their striped patterns help camouflage them into the forest floor by breaking up their shape to confuse predators. Eastern chipmunk habitats include forests and forest edges. They have also adapted to living in suburban neighborhoods.

Eastern chipmunks are omnivores with a diet that includes nuts, seeds, berries, fruit, buds, insects, earthworms, slugs and bird eggs. They are rodents and have incisors that continuously grow. Their teeth are specialized for gnawing with the front of their incisors covered in hard enamel. As the back part of their teeth wear away, the edge of their teeth are sharpened like the blade of a chisel.

One of the things chipmunks are famous for is the size of their cheeks. They have cheek pouches that, when full, are almost the size of their head! Eastern chipmunks are extreme hoarders and obsess about finding food. As they find food they stuff it in their cheek pouches, then carry their food to their burrows for storage. They overwinter sleeping in their burrows, but they are not true hibernators. Instead, there are times they are active in the winter, sustaining themselves on the food they stored and hoarded in their burrows.

Eastern chipmunks are intolerant of others and will aggressively chase other chipmunks away. They mark their territories with urine, feces or their scent glands. Though they aren't very social with each other they will use alarm calls to alert others of predators. Their predators include hawks, coyotes, fox, snakes, cats and dogs. When Eastern chipmunks feel threatened they make sounds including chips, chucks and trills.

During mating season they will tolerate each other, but return to their loner status when mating season is over. Their gestation period is about 30 days with females having 2-8 in their litter. The young stay with their moms for a couple months until their mother kicks them out their burrows to find or make a burrow of their own.

You can reach Nicole Conrad at 937-890-7360, ext. 217 or nconrad@audubon.org.



Ryan Hodnett

Climbing trees



James St. John

Easter chipmunk



Ryan Hodnett



Gilles Gonthier

Eastern chipmunk with nut



Cephas

Stuffed cheeks



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Volunteer Corner

2020 October – November – December

By Nenita Lapitan, *Volunteer & Rental Services Manager*

A Look Back at Aullwood Volunteer Appreciation

In 1994, Aullwood held its first formal Aullwood Volunteer Appreciation event. As I look through some old photographs of earlier events, it appears that volunteers brought their own food! While our volunteer potlucks always offer a dizzying array of delicious foods, it seems odd to ask the very people you are celebrating to help feed everyone. And those staff skits! Some of them were quite memorable ... others, not so much. I confess that staff were relieved to hear that our volunteers were ready to relegate the skits to the past. It really is your celebration, so it's important to hear what you want. When many said you wanted less talking and more opportunities for socializing – we listened. And I expect your feedback will continue to influence future appreciation events.



Volunteers enjoying a delicious meal 2002



Staff – cast 2003

I had great plans for this year's festivities. Alas, for the first time in the 18 years I've been with Aullwood, we weren't able to come together to celebrate your accomplishments, service, skills and time. You help make Aullwood the best nature center around, and because of you, Aullwood is the envy of many in the Audubon Network.

Thank you for your love and dedication to Aullwood, especially through these extraordinary times. As we want ourselves and loved ones to be safe and healthy, it is reasonable to exercise caution when engaging outside our protective bubbles. We're grateful for those who are comfortable returning to volunteer, and we're sensitive to those who want to wait a little bit longer, too. You're welcome back when you are ready to return.

We are working on how to best show our appreciation to you in this new environment. In the meantime, please enjoy some photos from past celebrations. Our deepest appreciation for the vital and precious support you provide to Aullwood.

Friends of Aullwood Birdseed Sale – Farm – Saturday, October 24

Help our feathered friends by supporting Aullwood's annual Birdseed Sale. We are doing a few things differently this year, including offering an on-line order option (as well as phone and mail-in orders) and curbside pickup. Volunteer opportunities include unloading birdseed from a semi-truck into customer's vehicles; greeting and monitoring guests inside the Farm Discovery Center; helping with sales at the Farm Guest Services area or being a Nature Store customer services representative. Masks are required indoors and outdoors and social distancing rules will apply (unless health and safety recommendations are amended).

- Loaders – 8:45 a.m.-11:45 a.m./ 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m./2:15-4:45 p.m. (6 needed per shift) – must be able to lift 25-50 pounds, stand on hard surfaces and climb stairs.
- Greeters/Monitors – 8:45 a.m.-11:45 am/ 11:30 am-2:30 p.m./ 2:15-4:45 p.m. (2 needed per shift) – must be comfortable using a walkie-talkie.
- Guest Services – 9:00 am-1:00 pm and 1:00-5:00 pm (1 needed per shift) – must be a trained Guest Services volunteer.
- Nature Store Customer Services Representative – 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 1:00-5:00 p.m. (1 needed per shift)

October Programs

Orange, yellow, burgundy and red are just some of the fall colors you can see at Aullwood. Celebrate the changing season with a hike around the trails looking for the signs of fall. All of Aullwood programs begin and end at 9101 Frederick Pike, Dayton, OH 45414. Call 937-890-7360 for more information.

October 1-31 – Self-guided Family Activity Book Walk

Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. – Adult Discovery Walk

Saturday, October 3 – Aullwood Closes at 4:00 p.m. for a Special Event

Saturday, October 3 – 5:00-7:00 p.m. – Evening Folk Concert with Chris Rowlands



Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27 – 3:30-5:00 p.m. – Adult Butterfly Walk

Saturday, October 10 Run for the Birds Virtual 1K/5K Kickoff

Saturday, October 17 – 12:00 p.m. – Fall Fruit Buffet Walk

Mondays, October 19 & 26 10:30-11:45 a.m. – Chipmunk Adventures: Pum, Pum, Pum Pumpkin!

Saturday, October 24 – 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. – Free Admission Day

Saturday, October 24 – Run for the Birds Virtual 1K/5K End

Saturday, October 24 – Friends of Aullwood Bird Seed Sale

Friday, October 30 – 6:30-7:45 p.m. Night Hike

2020 Aullwood Program and Class Calendar



Audubon Photo. Luke-Franke

October Programs *continued...*

Self-guided Family Activity: Book Walk (Members and Non-Members)

October 1-31 – Read the entertaining story, “*Over on the Farm*” by Marianne Berkes, in this self-guided book walk! While you explore Aullwood, you will find pages from this book posted around the farmyard for you to read. Find the animals counting in this story and see if you can spot the rooster on each page!

Adult Discovery Walks

(Members Only) **October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** – 8:00-9:30 a.m. 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 and click on Events. There is a limit of 10 members on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting outside 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. Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend.

Folk Evening Concert with Chris Rowlands – Ages 21+ Event (Members and Non-Members) **October 3** – 5:00-7:00 p.m. See a different side of Chris Rowlands at this uplifting evening of serious entertainment! While he’s known for writing and singing hilarious children’s songs with an educational bent, singer-songwriter Chris Rowlands also pens and performs his own meaningful and inspiring folk music and sings wonderful covers of traditional and folk standards. Fans of James Taylor, John Denver and Glen Campbell won’t want to miss this rare event! Pack a picnic, blanket and lawn chairs and enjoy live music on the lawn at the Farm. A selection of delicious desserts and fall inspired beer will be available for purchase during the concert. This program is an event for ages 21+ and is limited to 100 guests, preregistration is required. Admission price is \$10/adult. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, we will be following all CDC guidelines during this program. To register call 937-890-7360.

Adult Butterfly Walks

(Members and Non-Members) **October 6, 13, 20, 27** – 3:30-5:00 p.m. Join us to find out which butterflies we can spot fluttering around the fall blooms. Binoculars are recommended. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood’s website at aullwood.org and click on Events. There is a limit of 10 on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting outside 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. Adult Butterfly Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend. Non-members paying the general admission price may also preregister and attend this walk.



Black walnut tree

Susan Sweeney

Fall Fruit Buffet Walk

(Members and Non-Members) **October 17** – 12:00 p.m. Have you always wondered what migrating birds eat while traveling south in the fall? Most of our summer insects are starting to disappear, but the fruit of vines, trees and bushes are some of the most important food sources for our migrating feathered friends. Explore what the forest has to offer with Environmental Educator Sam Romeo. You must preregister for this walk by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood’s website at aullwood.org and click on Events. There is a limit of 10 on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting outside the Farm Discovery Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time. This walk is a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend. Non-members paying the general admission price may also preregister and attend this walk.

Chipmunk Adventures: Pum, Pum, Pum, Pumpkin!

(Members and Non-Members) **October 19 & 26** – 10:30-11:45 a.m. Chipmunk Adventures is for 2-5 year olds (with 1 adult per child) with the same class offered twice a month. What do we do with a pumpkin? Is one growing in your garden? Come join us as we discover what is inside of a big, heavy, bright pumpkin! Then go on a mini pumpkin hunt in Aullwood’s farmyard. Meet on the sidewalk outside the front of the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center. Classes will be held outside in the Farm Pavilion. Each participant should wear a mask and respect social distancing. Please dress for weather conditions as the class will be outside for both sessions. Individual classes are \$20/Members, \$25/Non-Members. Class limit is 8 (4 minimum). Environmental Educator Bev Holland is the teacher for these classes. Pre-registration is required. To register call 937-890-7360 or visit aullwood.org and click on Events.



Nicole Conrad



Child with magnifying glass / Barred owl

Night Hike

(Members Only) **October 30** – 6:30-7:45 p.m. Journey on a spooky hike around Aullwood under an (almost) full moon. Learn about the history of All Hallows Eve, discuss harvest in Ohio, and look for some of the more mystifying animals of the season like spiders, bats and owls. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register at aullwood.org and click on Events. There is a limit of 10 members on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting outside 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. Night Hikes are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend.

2020 Aullwood Program and Class Calendar



Liz West

November Programs

Stop by Aullwood to see what the animals are up to this month. All of Aullwood programs begin and end at 9101 Frederick Pike Dayton, OH 45414. Call 937-890-7360 for more information.

November – Project Feeder Watch

November 1-30 – Self-guided Family Activity – Fossil Find-it

Tuesday, November 3 – Aullwood Closed – Election Day

Thursdays, November 5, 12, 19 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. – Adult Discovery Walk



Dave Anderson

Saturday, November 7 – 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Virtual Animal Meet and Greet on Facebook Live

Wednesday, November 11 – Aullwood Closed – Veteran's Day

November 14-30 – Christmas in the Nature Store. Holiday Gift Items and Decorations are available for purchase at the Farm



Angela Winston

Mondays, November 16 & 23 – 10:30-11:45 a.m. – Chipmunk Adventures: And the Leaves Came Down

Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27 – Aullwood Closed – Thanksgiving

Self-guided Family Activity:

Fossil-Find-it (Members and Non-Members) – November 1-30 – Visit Aullwood's Farm Auditorium to learn about some of the fossils found in Ohio, then go on a fossil-find-it hunt around the farmyard.



Project Feeder Watch

(Members and Non-Members) Please visit Aullwood's website at aullwood.org for a list of dates and times for this program. Meet new people, share stories and help count birds virtually. Our bird counts help contribute to scientific studies at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Visit the Cornell website feederwatch.org for more information.

Adult Discovery Walks (Members Only) November 5, 12, 19 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. Take a stroll along the trails and visit the many habitats looking for birds, tracks and exciting finds. Bring binoculars. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org and click on Events. There is a limit of 10 members on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting outside 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. Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend.



Bev Holland

Preschool child

Virtual Animal Meet and Greet (Members and Non-Members)

November 7 – 10:00-11:00 a.m. Join Aullwood's Environmental Educators on Facebook Live and meet some of the incredible animal ambassadors currently residing at Aullwood. Go on a virtual behind the scenes tour learning about the animal's backgrounds, their quirky personalities and what it takes to look after them. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and get responses in real time!



Jocelyn Anderson



Dave Anderson

Red-bellied woodpecker and Red rooster

Chipmunk Adventures: And the Leaves Came Down

(Members and Non-Members) November 16 & 23 – 10:30-11:45 a.m. Chipmunk Adventures is for 2-5 year olds (with 1 adult per child) with the same class offered twice a month. What is happening when the leaves fall from the trees? Should we glue them back on the branches? Will the leaves come back? Come and explore pretty leaves as they float their way to the ground. Enjoy a hike, story, song and artwork. Meet on the sidewalk outside the front of the Charity A. Krueger Farm Discovery Center. Classes will be held outside in the Farm Pavilion. Each participant should wear a mask and respect social distancing. Please dress for weather conditions as the class will be outside for both sessions. Individual classes are \$20/Members, \$25/Non-Members. Class limit is 8 (4 minimum). Environmental Educator Bev Holland is the teacher for these classes. Pre-registration is required. To register call 937-890-7360 or visit aullwood.org and click on Events.



Nicole Conrad



Chris Rowlands



December Programs

Enjoy a frosty hike on some of Aullwood's trails this month or stop by the Nature Store to pick up a special gift for the holidays. All of Aullwood programs begin and end at 9101 Frederick Pike Dayton, OH 45414. Call 937-890-7360 for more information.

December – Project Feeder Watch

December 1-24 – Self-guided Family Activity – Hidden Around Aullwood

December 1-24 – Christmas in the Nature Store Holiday Gift Items and Decorations are available for purchase at the Farm

Thursdays, December 3, 10, 17 – 8:00-9:30 a.m. – Adult Discovery Walk

Saturday, December 5 – 2:30 p.m. – The Habitats of Aullwood Walk

Saturday, December 12 – 10:00-11:00 a.m. – Virtual Animal Meet and Greet on Facebook Live

Thursday, December 24 – Aullwood Closes at 1 p.m. – Holiday Observance

Friday, December 25 – Friday, January 1 – Aullwood Closed – Holiday Observance

Project Feeder Watch (Members and Non-Members) Please visit Aullwood's website at aullwood.org for a list of dates, times and more details for this program. Do you enjoy watching birds? If so, help us count our feathered friends virtually at Aullwood or in your own backyard! Your findings help contribute to scientific studies at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Check out the Cornell website at feederwatch.org for more information.

Self-guided Family Activity: Hidden Around Aullwood (Members and Non-Members) **December 1-23** – Grab a game paper at the front desk, then search for the different items hidden around Aullwood.



Adult Discovery Walks (Members Only) **December 3, 10, 17** – 8:00-9:30 a.m. Join us on this fun walk as we experience the frosty landscape, birds and other exciting discoveries. Bring binoculars. You must preregister for walks by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org and click on Events. There is a limit of 10 members on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting outside 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. Adult Discovery Walks are a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend.

The Habitats of Aullwood Walk (Members and Non-Members) **December 5** – 2:30 p.m. Have you ever wondered how old the forest is at Aullwood's Farm? Have you ever wondered where you might find a fox, snake or a woodpecker? Explore the habitats and forests at Aullwood with Environmental Educator Sam Romeo. You must preregister for this walk by calling 937-890-7360 or register on Aullwood's website at aullwood.org and click on Events. There is a limit of 10 on a walk at a time. Please be ready and waiting outside the Farm Discovery Center at least 5 minutes before the scheduled start of the walk. The walk starts promptly at the scheduled start time. This walk is a benefit for members and there is no cost to attend. Non-members paying the general admission price may also preregister and attend this walk.



Audubon Photo. Luke-Franke

Virtual Animal Meet and Greet (Members and Non-Members) **December 12** – 10:00-11:00 a.m. Enjoy a virtual behind the scenes tour on Facebook Live as we introduce you to some of Aullwood's animal ambassadors! Get the chance to observe their individual personalities and learn why Aullwood cares for these special creatures. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and get real-time responses from Aullwood's Environmental Educators.

Aullwood Audubon Programs: Important Information & Guidelines

Aullwood is following the recommendations from government officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department 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.

Mike Mushala



Cedar waxwing

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We look forward to welcoming you back to Aullwood! If you have questions, please email AskUs@aullwood.org

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Cicada

Dave Anderson



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Thistle with hummingbird moth



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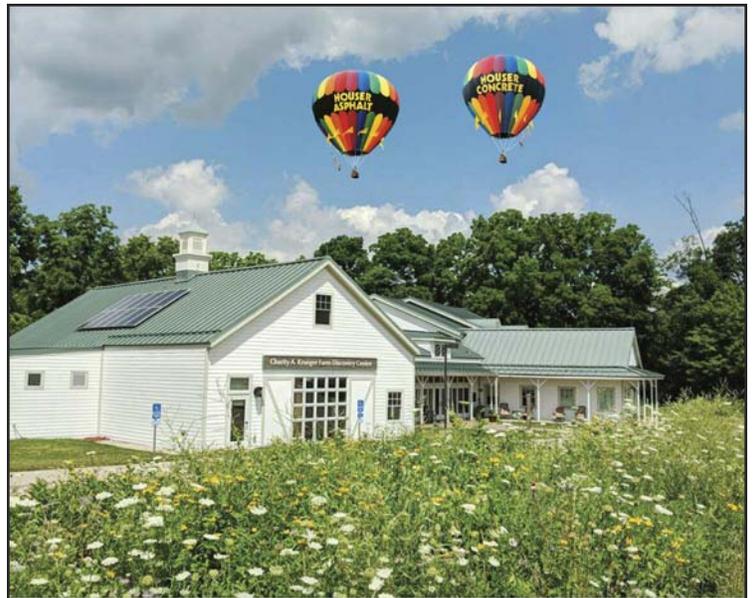
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Friends of Aullwood Preorder Only Birdseed Sale • Saturday, October 24, 2020

Due to COVID-19, this year's Birdseed Sale will be preorder only. No seed will be available for sale on pickup day. Birdseed may be picked up October 24, 9 AM - 4 PM at **AULLWOOD FARM, 9101 FREDERICK PIKE, DAYTON OH 45414**. Birdseed not picked up by Friday November 13 will become a donation to Aullwood's bird feeding program.

Please return complete form to: BIRDSEED SALE, 1000 Aullwood Rd, Dayton OH 45414 or order online at <http://aullwood.audubon.org/SeedOrder> instead. **ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SATURDAY OCTOBER 17.**

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