

Gray Fox Gazette

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and S.R. 48 north of West Milton
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Beginning Beekeeping Class!
Saturdays, February 3 & 10, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Vickie Bowman of the Miami Valley Beekeepers Association is offering a "Beginning Beekeeper" class at Brukner Nature Center. This hands-on workshop will cover equipment needs, where to get your bees, where to put your bees, feeding needs, how to help your bees stay healthy, the birds and the bees, forage, how to manipulate your hives, recognizing and treating diseases, getting your bees through their first year and much more. Participants will also build their first frame, so please bring a pair of pliers, box cutter and tack hammer to the first class.

As if that isn't enough, you will also receive a **free** one year membership to the Miami Valley Beekeepers Association and a **free** one year membership to the Ohio State Beekeepers Association. Membership in MVBA gives you access to mentors, program speakers and hands on teaching hives at the MVBA/BNC apiary. The fee is just \$60 per person for both class sessions (you must be able to attend both classes.) There will be a 1 hour break for lunch and attendees may bring a sack lunch or grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant. Class registration deadline is Wednesday, January 31 and payment is due at the time of registration (cash or check only). If mailing a check, please include "Bee School" in the memo area. If you have questions about the class call Vickie at 937-947-1568.

RUN WILD for Wildlife! at BNC...

a 5K Run/Walk for Wildlife Conservation
Saturday, April 21, 9:30am



If you enjoy running or hiking on woodland trails, you'll love BNC's annual 5K Run Wild for Wildlife! Each participant receives a commemorative T-shirt, scrumptious homemade refreshments, a visit with our amazing wildlife ambassadors and the opportunity to win some great eco-friendly door prizes! All for just \$20 for BNC Members! Mark your calendars and start training today!

A Note from the Director...



Dear Friends,

I love this time of year! We get to reflect on what we've accomplished and the lessons we learned along the way. But, perhaps, what's more exciting, is that we get to dream of our goals for 2018!

It took us three years, but we have updated all of our lesson plans reflecting our mission of wildlife conservation and education, utilizing our wildlife ambassadors to motivate, awe and develop empathy in our diverse audiences. We look forward to developing new educational opportunities in 2018, including a full day of Stillwater River fun and adventure for older kids - snorkeling, sampling, tubing - it will be awesome!

We are currently creating a home for a new ambassador barn owl and working on glove training many of our birds of prey. The red-shouldered hawk seems to particularly like her little walks around the center! Our wildlife enrichment program is being redefined with more natural items for species-specific targets. You may see grapevine balls filled with treats, smell scents sprayed in the enclosures or hear outside sounds played for our inside residents. We hope to keep their minds healthy and active!

One of our biggest goals for 2018 is to build a new quarantine/storage/bee room building. It will replace the old barn and provide secure accommodations for cases involving contagious diseases. We'll keep you posted on all our progress! Thanks for your support and have a wonderful holiday!

Deb

BNC will be closed for Martin Luther King Day!



BNC's Interpretive Building will be closed on Monday, January 15 for Martin Luther King Day. Our trails, however, will remain open from sunrise to sunset so gather family and friends and come out and hike the beautiful woodland trails!



Winter Art Gallery Exhibit *"It's about wildlife..."*

Exhibit runs through Sunday, March 18

Brukner Nature Center invites you to enjoy our Nature Art Gallery and to see the world through the lenses of our annual photo contest participants! Selected entries will be displayed in the Heidelberg Auditorium. These beautiful and unique framed works of art will be available for purchase with 25% of the proceeds supporting Brukner Nature Center's mission to promote the appreciation and understanding of wildlife conservation through education, preservation and rehabilitation. Come enjoy the art on a wintry day!



Welcome New Members!

Membership dues provide valuable operational support to benefit our mission of wildlife conservation through environmental education. The benefits of membership are many, so please encourage your family and friends to join our family!

Individual: Ron McNeil, Christine Miceli, Julie Puchett.
Family: Don Barry, James Browning, Elizabeth F. Cartwright, Anthony & Shay Chitwood, Alan & Eileen Clark, Melvin & Caroline Doolittle, Seth & Tabatha Green, Renee Hirth, Clistia & Gary Hosbrook, Kyle & Chelsea Hutchinson, Uwe & Ayse Knebelberger, Craig Lichtenberg, Joanne McClelland, Patricia Miller, Dan & Judy Purvis, Scott & Laura Schulze, Nichole Thomas, John Trombley, Chelsea Wagner, Jeff Wagner, Paige Wagner. **Family+1:** James & Lisa Lea.

Thanks for your help!

We would like to recognize these October/November volunteers and to express our sincere appreciation for their help:



Mike & Susan Barhorst, Mike & Ginny Beamish, Scott Bloom, Elaine Bolt, Marlene Borton, Jim & Ruth Bowell, Stacy Brewer, Vickie Brewer, Steve Burelison, Anne Butler, Barbara Caruso, David Cobb, Lucy Chapman, Nick Christensen, Sharon Cooper, Ben Dehus, Karen Dempsey, Alisha Dixon, Matthew Ewer, Jeff Ferrell, Lori Frazier, Mark Fuchs, Kay Fulker, Dave & Jenny Fuller, Rachel Fuller, Jim & Cindy Gigandet, Jan Gillespie, Amanda Goheen, Ellen Goldstein, George & Joanie Gutermuth, Judy Hartman, Lydia Harto, Joan Heidelberg, Bert Hensel, Barb Hiser, Kathy Holt, Jean Hoover, Wendy Houghton, Charlene Hughes, Simon & Michelle Ireton, Lynn Johnson, Nancy Johnston, Susan Kalkbrenner, Trinette Kelly, Josh Kessler, John Keys, Tom Kleptz, Carl & Winnie Knepper, Jerry Lamb, Marcus Lambert, Leeanna Langston, Terry Lavy, Sharon Lemmon, Marie Lewis, Dave Lindeman, Kate Lins, Esther Marko, Sammie Martin, Caroline Maslowski, Mary Matthews, Greg & Cathy Maurer, Tiffany McBride, Jen McCormick, Glen & Angela McMurry, Freddy Meyers, Allan & Virginia Miller, Pat Miller, Steve Miller, Marian Moeckel, Jeff Montgomery, Micah Munroe, Marian Nagy, Amber Nichols, Christina O'Connell-Carne, Norval & Rita Oexmann, Al Pennington, Teresa Peters, Janet Peterson, Kayla Phelps, Ben Poeppelman, Michelle Rank, Tim & Debbie Ray, Mary Beth Robertson, Diane Schaefer, Nancy Shafer, Jeannette Sharp, Monica Shell, Mike & Deb Shively, Molly Slack, Jeannie Spicer, Bill & Kim Stump, Pam Sturtz, Trent Thompson, Joyce Topp, Mike & Ruth Treon, Joshua Wackler, Dick Wagar, Ruth Walsh, Randy Wantz, DeeDee Warner, Jackie Watkins, Dottie Wettstone, Ruth Ann White, Penny Williamson, Peggy Wolke, Patricia Youngerman.

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What we did in October/ November...



Nature Programs: Approximately 4,375 people participated in BNC programs! Art of Nature, 147; PEEP, 60; Wild Art, 22; Views from the Vista, 30; Haunted Woods, 1,100; Young Birders Club, 3; Homeschool Nature Club, 170; Wild Journeys, 70; Brownies Overnighter, 20; Bat Workshop, 32; Juniors Overnighters, 18.

Wildlife Rehab, 1,513 patients received so far in 2017! Stats for October/November: 12 released, 15 euthanized, 10 pending, 16 died, 5 transferred. *Birds:* 1 American goldfinch, 1 American robin, 1 blue jay, 2 Canada geese, 1 cattle egret, 2 downy woodpeckers, 2 golden-crowned kinglets, 1 house finch, 1 mourning dove, 6 northern cardinals, 1 pied-billed grebe, 2 red-tailed hawks, 1 sharp-shinned hawk, 3 turkey vultures. *Mammals:* 1 big brown bat, 8 eastern cottontails, 20 eastern gray squirrels, 1 red squirrel, 1 Virginia opossum. *Herps:* 1 eastern box turtle.

Volunteers: 120 Adult Volunteers contributed 1,142.75 hours and 22 Junior Volunteers contributed 199.5 hours.



Community Rewards

Please register your Kroger Plus Card for the Kroger Community Rewards Program and help BNC earn money when you shop. Visit [bruknernaturecenter.com/Support Us/Kroger Rewards](http://bruknernaturecenter.com/SupportUs/KrogerRewards) for steps on how to sign up! BNC's organization number for the program is 83419.



BNC will be closed for President's Day!

BNC's Interpretive Building will be closed on Monday, February 19 for President's Day. Our trails, however, will remain open from sunrise to sunset, so come out and enjoy the cool winter air!

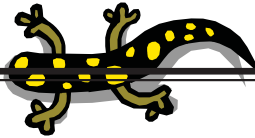
New BNC T-shirt Design!

Orders will be placed the 15th of every month



We have exciting news to share with you... we have a new T-shirt design that is now available in the nature shop! Dick Wagar did a fantastic job with the design and Deb found a really cool company that actually makes the shirts from recycled products. In fact, 8 recycled plastic bottles are used to make 1 shirt

and the material feels great! Charcoal Grey shirts are available in youth sizes (small-large), while Better Brown shirts are available in adult sizes (small - xxlarge). Cost is only \$15/shirt (cash or check). We will contact you at the end of the month when the shirts are ready for pick-up.



Birthday Parties at BNC!

A classroom is available for you to decorate, have cake and ice cream and play games, plus you'll be treated to a 30 minute live wildlife program for a maximum of 15 kids! Party favors can be purchased in the BNC Nature Shop and the trails are available for your use. A second party option is also available for groups larger than 20 people. For party details, please call 937-698-6493 Monday - Friday.

BNC Special Interest Groups Meetings

Visitors are welcome to attend these meetings held at Brukner Nature Center.

Brukner Bird Club, 1st Monday, No meeting in January. February 5 at 7:00pm. Contact Steve Moeckel, 335-6653
Miami Valley Beekeepers Assoc., 1st Monday, No meeting in January. February 5 at 7:00pm. Contact Robert Dorsten, 623-6562
Brukner Society of Nature Carvers, 2nd Tuesday, January 9 & February 13 at 7:00pm. Contact Rich Richmond, 332-7650
Wild Gardens Club, 3rd Tuesday, at 7:00pm. No meeting in January & February. Contact Ruth Bowell, 216-6855
Stillwater Stargazers, 3rd Tuesday, January 16 & February 20 at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Feinstein, 339-5948



Project FeederWatch

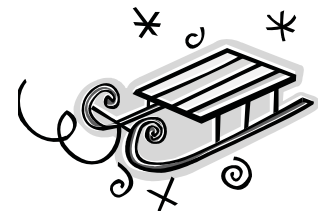
November – March in the Tree-top Vista!

Brukner Nature Center staff and volunteers collect data each winter for Project FeederWatch, an international citizen science project under the guidance of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. Based on nearly a quarter-century of FeederWatch data, scientists document fluctuations in bird populations that could be the result of climate change, habitat destruction, disease or other environmental factors. Project leader David Bonter said, "These are large-scale changes that we would not be able to see without the massive amount of data from participants. Keeping an eye out in your own backyard can make a difference." All levels of birders are welcome, so contact us for a schedule of our FeederWatch dates and get involved with citizen science! Get all the info you need to be a FeederWatcher too, at www.feederwatch.org!



Wildlife questions?

BNC developed 13 species-specific brochures to help you live with the wildlife in your own backyard! Brochures are on our website: bruknernaturecenter.com. Click on the tab "Wildlife Rehab/Living with Wildlife Brochures". If you have any questions after reviewing any of the brochures, please call us at 937-698-6493 and we'll be happy to answer any of your questions.





View from the Vista
3rd Sunday of the month

Come discover Brukner Nature Center's vista birdlife and join members of the BNC Bird Club as you learn to identify our feathered friends! So come on out, enjoy the camaraderie in our 3rd story window on wildlife, but be careful 'cause you just might get hooked on the fastest growing hobby in America!! All levels of birders welcome! (Really good binoculars available for use!)

Sundays, January 21 & February 18, 2:00 – 4:00pm.

Come relax in the Tree-top Vista and enjoy bird-friendly coffee and homemade cookies as you learn about Ohio's native birds! Winter is such a fun time of year. You never know what might show up! Maybe you'll get a good look at those house finch look-alikes – the pine siskin! Note the super tiny bill made just for extracting seeds from cones and the wash of yellow on the wings and tail! Did you know that they can withstand temperatures as cold as -40F??

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Wild Art!

**Sunday, February 25
1:00 – 4:00pm**



Please join us for a unique FUNdraising event as we help you paint a portrait of winter chickadees on a 12"x12" canvas. A BNC Naturalist will provide an engaging introduction to the natural history of these native birds! Lisa Bauer of the Mayflower Arts Center will guide you as you paint. This amazing opportunity is just \$35 per person, (ages 13 – adult), and includes refreshments and all materials. Deadline for registration and payment is Saturday, February 24 by 5:00pm (cash or check only). All proceeds benefit the Brukner Nature Center Wildlife Ambassador program.

Wishlist...



Wildlife: Dry cat food, moist cat food, moist dog food, Timothy hay, fresh fruit & vegetables, cottonballs, Dawn dish soap, *he* laundry detergent pods, Dishwasher pods, bleach, 30 and 33 gallon force flex trash bags, live mealworms, live wax worms, 24" bungee cords, black oil sunflower seed, mixed seed, 9V rechargeable batteries, suet cakes, cat litter scoops, extracts (vanilla, peppermint), gift cards to Lowes, PetCo, and Tractor Supply.

Nature Education: Gift cards for Kroger, Amazon, and Jay & Mary's Book Center, jumbo clear hand soap refill, caution tape, jumbo hand sanitizer refill, solid dish towels and cloths, tea lights, votive candles, brown paper lunch bags, recycled paper napkins, fabric paint, black pipe cleaners and permanent markers.

For more more ideas check out our Amazon wish list. Login to Amazon, go to the upper right of the screen and click on the Wish List menu. Scroll down to "find a wish list". Enter our main e-mail address – info@brukner-naturecenter.com. Click "add to cart" to add an item to your shopping cart! Any questions? 937-698-6493!

Volunteer Breakfast **Saturday, February 17, 8:30am**



Thank you, thank you, thank you! Sometimes we just can't say it enough. Did you know that in 2017 volunteers helped care for more than 1,525 wild patients in our Wildlife Rehab Unit and helped to encourage over 30,000 on site and outreach program participants to get outside and explore?! It's pretty obvious that we couldn't accomplish all we do without your help! Join BNC staff for a scrumptious locally grown breakfast and the best company around as we say 'thanks' for all you do! Please bring a re-useable place setting and RSVP by calling (937) 698-6493 by Wednesday, February 14. Families are welcome! We look forward to your company!!

Nocturnal Wildlife Adventure **for Cub Scouts**

Friday, March 2, 6:00 - 9:00pm

Join other scouts from the area as we explore Ohio's wild places and discover some of the nocturnal creatures that live here! We will discuss how different animals fit into food chains and why each species fills an important niche within the environment. You will get to meet many of BNC's wildlife ambassadors and discover their unique adaptations. Before the night is through you will take a hike in the night time woods to call for owls and find many other awe-inspiring things! This program is just \$15/person and includes pizza, drinks, wildlife games and the chance to get up close with some native Ohio wildlife! Registration and payment due by Monday, February 26 at 5:00pm (cash, check, or Paypal - include your pack number).

Dine to Donate

Marion's Piazza

Tuesday, February 20th, 2018
5:00- 8:00pm

Help Support the Wildlife at Brukner Nature Center!

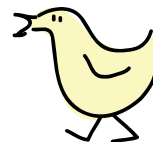
Bring this ticket to Marion's Piazza located at 1270 Experiment Farm Rd. in Troy and Marion's will donate a percentage of the total food bill to Brukner Nature Center.

Good for pizzas, sandwiches & spaghetti only.

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*"Children run wildly, breathlessly . . .
facing the wind . . . absorbing its speed."*



PEEP Winter Session II **February 20 – March 30**

Put on the snow gear and come join us for a tromp through the woods. We will hop, slither, and fly, (well, kind of fly!) as we observe the natural world around us. Through hands on exploration, PEEPers will put on the safety gear and learn what goes on in the Wildlife Rehabilitation Unit. Registration will begin Sunday, January 21! The Winter II session runs the week of February 20 through the week of March 30. This program offers a unique opportunity for children, ages 3 - 5, to get outdoors and learn through natural discovery! Classes are offered one day a week for six weeks and take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 – 11:30am. An additional afternoon class is offered on Friday from 12:30 – 2:30pm. The fee is just \$45 for BNC members and \$60 for non-members. All fees are due upon registration. Class size is limited to 12 children so be sure to sign up today!

Homeschool Nature Club

9:30 - 11:30am and 2:00 - 4:00pm

3rd Wednesday of the month
(September – May)



Sign-up your 5 – 12 year-old homeschooled student for a morning or afternoon of discovery! Staff naturalists have developed hands-on educational and awesome lesson plans, using live wildlife and outdoor exploration! The fee for these innovative programs is only \$2.50 for BNC Members and \$5 for non-members. Payment is due at the time of registration. Deadline is 5:00pm on the Monday before each program.



Raptors

Wednesday, January 17

Soaring high above our heads with beautiful camouflage and screeching cries, raptors swoop down to capture their prey with incredible speed, force, and talons! Come learn more about this elite group of birds and what makes them such successful predators. We'll look for signs of them out on our trails and meet a few of our ambassadors as well!



Endangered Species

Wednesday, February 21

As human populations continue to expand, many of our wild neighbors have found it difficult to coexist. Ohio currently has 121 species listed as endangered in the state! Join us as we discover various factors which can cause a species to become endangered as well as what we all can do to help those animals whose populations are declining!



Young Birders' Club

Geared just for students in grades 6-12 with an interest in birding, membership in the YBC is just \$10/year, plus high quality binoculars and field guides are provided for meetings and field trips, so no additional equipment is needed! For more information please contact BNC Wildlife Educator, Brian Ayres at brian@bruknernaturecenter.com!

Girl Scout Overnights



Brownie's Spring Overnight Adventure! Friday, March 9, 7pm to 9am Saturday, March 10

Come join us for a fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! Learn about all of the amazing things that animals can do and see if you can come close to mimicking them! This program is just \$25/scout and \$20/leader, and is filled with nature games and lessons, as well as a late night snack, night hike, cool craft and continental breakfast! 'Camp out' in the comfort of the Heidelberg Auditorium and create lasting memories during this overnight adventure!

Deadline for registration and payment is 5:00pm on Monday, March 5. Pre-register and pay by Monday, February 26 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop! Pay by cash, check or Pay-pal (include your troop number and date of overnighter).



Junior's Spring Overnight Adventure! Friday, March 16, 7pm to 9am Saturday, March 17

Learn about the different ways that animals communicate with each other and see if you can decode their secret language during this fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! This program is just \$25/scout and \$20/leader, and is filled with nature games and lessons, as well as a late night snack, night hike, cool craft and continental breakfast! 'Camp out' in the comfort of the Heidelberg Auditorium and create lasting memories during this overnight adventure!

Deadline for registration and payment is 5:00pm on Monday, March 12. Pre-register and pay by Monday, March 5 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop! Pay by cash, check or Pay-pal (include your troop number and date of overnighter).

Contributions to BNC...

We wish to recognize those who have made contributions from June 13, 2017 - December 12, 2017. It is through your generous support that we continue to meet our mission. We are indeed grateful...



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Looking ahead to March...

Nocturnal Wildlife Adventure, Friday, March 2, 6:00 - 9:00pm. Wildlife Adventures for Cub Scouts!

Wild Journeys, Monday, March 5, 7:00pm. Come on an armchair adventure!

Brownie Overnight Adventure, Friday, March 9 starting at 7:00pm. Wildlife fun for your troop!

Junior Overnight Adventure, Friday, March 16 starting at 7:00pm. Wildlife fun for your troop!

View from the Vista, Sunday, March 18, 2:00 - 4:00pm. Learn to ID cool birds with the BNC Bird Club!

Homeschool Nature Club, Wednesday, March 21, 9:30 - 11:30am & 2:00 - 4:00pm. Geared for kids ages 5 - 12.

Spring Equinox Event, Thursday, March 22, 7:00pm. Come celebrate the season with art and information!

Vernal Pool Workshop, Saturday, March 24, 2:00 - 4:00pm. Come discover life in these temporary ecosystems!

Wildlife Rehab Open House, Sunday, March 25, 2:00 - 4:00pm. Come discover behind-the-scenes!

Wild Art for Kids, Friday, March 30, 10:00am-12:00pm. Fun painting event for kids in grades K-8th!

