

# Gray Fox Gazette

January/February 2019

*Brukner Nature Center*

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Monday - Saturday, 9:00am - 5:00pm  
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**River's Edge Wildlife Preserve**

Located on the corner of Calumet Rd.  
and S.R. 48 north of West Milton  
Open sunrise to sunset only!

Visit us online at  
[www.brुकnernaturecenter.com](http://www.brुकnernaturecenter.com)  
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**NestWatch Workshop**  
Sunday, February 24, 2:00-4:00pm

Want to help with wildlife research while also enjoying nesting birds within your own backyard? Join us as we discuss Project Nestwatch which collects data from citizen scientists throughout the world who observe and keep track of nesting birds within their own yards and communities. We will discuss the process of checking nest boxes or other nesting sites, recording the development of the young, submitting the data online, and maintenance of the box. If time allows, we may also hike to one of our nest box sites, so that participants can see our set-up.

Cost for this event is \$5 for BNC families and \$10 for non-member families plus take home an eastern screech owl nest box for just \$40 more to get your data collection started! Deadline for registration is Friday, February 22 by 5:00pm. Nest box orders must be received by Wednesday, February 13. (cash or check).

**Did you know:**

- Eastern-screech owls breed from February to March.
- Once the eastern-screech owl has chosen a mate, this is their mate for life.
- They do not build a nest but may form an indentation in the remains of meals (i.e. feathers and fur).

***RUN WILD for Wildlife! at BNC...***  
a 5K Run/Walk for Wildlife Conservation  
Saturday, April 20, 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! This is a pre-registration event again this year - there will be no registrations the day of the race.

## *A Note from the Director...*



Dear Friends...

The US Forest Service recently undertook an investigation into urban forests, those pockets of greenspaces in our cities and town, comparing aerial photos over the years. What they found was disturbing. Over just a 5 year period, the country lost over 36 million trees! Not only do these trees and forests increase property value they also improve air quality, reduce summer cooling costs, capture pollution and run-off, and make us healthier and happier. All that equals over \$18 billion in annual benefits, if you need it in dollars and cents.

So when making your New Year's resolutions this year - consider planting a native tree! And if you're looking for a last minute holiday gift, you can Adopt a Tree at Brukner Nature Center in honor of a friend or family member. You get a beautiful certificate to wrap and they get the warm, fuzzy feeling knowing that restoration and reforestation efforts have been helped! A win-win!

I truly hope you have had as wonderful a year as we have! Our new Wildlife Rehab quarantine building is nearing completion and we are still hopeful that we will receive additional donations and grants that will enable us to upgrade our current building before we open for the spring baby season. I cannot thank you enough for your generous support over the past year and hope you will consider us in your year-end giving. We can't wait for 2019!

Happy Holidays!

Deb



### ***Room Rentals at BNC***

Did you know that we rent our beautiful Heidelberg Auditorium and Meeting Room for special events such as birthday parties and bridal/baby showers? BNC members receive a discount on all our rentals! For more information or to check availability, please call Cindy, Monday – Friday, at 937-698-6493.



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

**Exhibit runs through Sunday, March 17**

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!

### ***BNC will be closed for Martin Luther King Day!***



BNC's Interpretive Building will be closed on Monday, January 21 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!



### ***BNC will be closed for President's Day!***

BNC's Interpretive Building will be closed on Monday, February 18 for President's Day. Our trails, however, will remain open from sunrise to sunset, so come out and enjoy the cool winter air!

## What we did in October/November...



**Nature Programs:** Approximately 4,817 people participated in BNC programs! PEEP, 72; Views from the Vista, 17; Bat Workshop, 11; Homeschool Nature Club, 159; Haunted Woods, 347; Wild Art, 15; Wild Journeys, 38; Brownie's Overnight Adventure, 33; Junior's Overnight Adventure, 22.

**Wildlife Rehab, 1,398 patients received so far in 2018! Stats for August/September:** 4 euthanized, 11 pending, 7 released, 14 died, 7 transferred. *Birds:* American goldfinch, American robin, barred owl, black vulture, Canada goose, eastern bluebird, eastern phoebe, eastern screech-owl, great horned owl, hermit thrush, 2 mourning doves, 3 northern cardinals, red-bellied woodpecker, 2 red-tailed hawks, ring-necked pheasant, ruby-throated hummingbird, and 2 turkey vultures. *Mammals:* Big brown bat, eastern chipmunk, 2 eastern cottontail rabbits, 11 eastern gray squirrels, and 2 red squirrels. *Herps:* American toad, eastern garter snake.

**Volunteers:** 138 Adults contributed 1099 hours and 29 Junior Volunteers contributed 252.5 hours.



## 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:** Holly Henne, Claire Kruthaupt, Gretchen Lozowski, Kim Schmidt. **Family:** Samantha Artz, Bonnie Caruso, Meghan Clint, Joe & Jackie Gauder, Catherine Girves, Nevin & Susan Hansbarger, Bethany Hollinger, Peter & Carolyn Horan, Kasey Metz, Melissa Miranda, Allison Nix, Donny & Tracy Souders, Michael & Kathryn Watt, J.D. & Aimee Winteregg. **Family+1:** Dave & Victoria Kuntz. **Patron of Education:** Ashley Reed.

## 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, Alex Bistrow, Marlene Borton, Jim & Ruth Bowell, Stacy Brewer, Vickie Brewer, Todd & Kathy Bryant, Anne Butler, Barbara Caruso, Nick Christensen, Lucy Chapman, Dave & Carole Cobb, Sharon Cooper, Ron Corbett, Dinah Crawford, Darin Crow, Ben Dehus, Jane Delcamp, Karen Dempey, Phyllis DeVelbiss, Allison Drieling, Doug Drieling, Amorette Dye, Kristen Evans, Jeff Ferrell, Sharon Fetters, Mark Fuchs, Kay Fulker, Dave & Jenny Fuller, Jim & Cindy Gigandet, Jan Gillespie, Amanda Goheen, Ellen Goldstein, George & Joanie Gutermuth, Martha Harris, Judy Hartman, Joan Heidelberg, Bert Hensel, Barb Hiser, Jean Hoover, Wendy Houghton, Charlene Hughes, Michelle Ireton, Lynn Johnson, Nancy Johnston, Anna Kamnyev, Josh Kessler, John Keys, Dan & Molly Kenney, Josh Kessler, John Keys, Tom Kleptz, Carl & Winnie Knepper, Leeanna Langston, Terry & Jane Lavy, Sharon Lemmon, Marie Lewis, Dave & Candy Lindeman, Esther Marko, Greg & Cathy Maurer, Tiffany McBride, Melanie McFaden, Angela & Glen McMurry, Freddy Meyers, Allan & Virginia Miller, Steve Miller, Don Mitchell, Steve & Marian Moeckel, Jeff Montgomery, Micah Munroe, Mariann Nagy, Samantha Newman, Amber Nichols, Rosie & Raymond Nickol, Christina O'Connell-Carne, Norval & Rita Oexmann, Al Pennington, Teresa Peters, Janet Peterson, Ben Poeppleman, Beverly Puthoff, Tim & Debbie Ray, Dani Richey, Jim & Deanna Riley, Mary Beth Robertson, Jessica Schafer, Amanda Schwisguth, Jennifer Seidel, Nancy Shafer, Jeannette Sharp, Monica Shell, Mike & Deb Shively, Molly Slack, Jeannie Spicer, Christa Stewart, Bill & Kim Stump, Pam Sturtz, Trent Thompson, Mike & Ruth Treon, John Turner, Joshua Wackler, Dick Wagar, Mike Waller, Ruth Walsh, Dee Dee Warner, Jackie Watkins, Susan Weidel, Dottie Wettstone, Jessie Whettstone, Ruth Ann White, Penny Williamson, Lenny & Donna Wirz, Patricia Youngerman.

**Junior Volunteers:** Heidi & Josiah Allan, McKenna Bailey, Katalaya Brandenburg, Ava Bryant, Cora Chapman, McKenna Downing, Eli Fetters, Isaac Gluck, Jenna Grover, Gwen Harris, Audrea Herron, Chloe Howell, Chase & Chloe Lang, Zoe Lindimore, Mary & Sarah Lins, Michael McKay, Audrey McWhorter, Sean Miller, Lorelei Nutter, Brayden Schwartz, Cailyn Starnes, Maggie & Rachel Stewart, Abigail Twiss, Carly Wray, Johanna Welborn.



## ***Adopt-a-Release Box***

Help us help them! When you participate in the “Adopt-a-Release-Box” program your \$20 contribution will help us to continue to provide hundreds of wildlife rehab patients with the support they need as they return to the wild. The release box simulates a cavity for sleeping, hiding from predators and/or caching food – all things they depend on in the wild! For many juvenile animals this is their first home when released back into the wild that they can rely on over the next few days – even months!! As a thank you for your support, you will receive a special certificate featuring a photo of one of our Wildlife Ambassadors! How cool is that!!



## ***Adopt-an-Animal***

Are you looking for a gift for the person who has everything? BNC has a great gift idea called Adopt-an-Animal. Your donation helps to pay for the food and husbandry the individual animals needs to survive, from individualized diets to specialized cage improvements and daily enrichments. You will receive a special certificate of adoption suitable for framing featuring a photo of your adopted Wildlife Ambassador. We have gift amounts of varying sizes and forms are available on our website.



### ***Community Rewards***

Please register your Kroger Plus Card for the Community Rewards Program and help BNC when you shop. Visit [bruknernaturecenter.com/Support Us/Kroger Rewards](http://bruknernaturecenter.com/Support%20Us/Kroger%20Rewards) for steps on how to sign up! BNC's organization number is IC098.

## ***Volunteer Breakfast***

**Saturday, February 16, 8:30am**



Thank you, thank you, thank you! Sometimes we just can't say it enough. Did you know that in 2018 volunteers helped care for more than 1,400 wild patients in our Wildlife Rehab Unit and helped to encourage over 20,500 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 "green" place setting and RSVP by calling (937) 698-6493 by Wednesday, February 13. Families are welcome! We look forward to your company!!

### ***Wildlife questions?***



BNC has developed 13 species-specific brochures to help you live with the wildlife in your own backyard - available at [www.bruknernaturecenter.com](http://www.bruknernaturecenter.com).

### ***Be a BNC Intern!***

**Deadline: Monday, July 1**



Are you or someone you know searching for that stepping stone into the wildlife conservation profession? Brukner Nature Center has a fall/winter internship program for qualified individuals. Get hands-on experience in education programs, learn to handle BNC's Wildlife Ambassadors, provide care to injured and orphaned wildlife, plus much more! For detailed information and/or to submit a cover letter and resume, contact [wildlife@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:wildlife@bruknernaturecenter.com).

## ***BNC Special Interest Groups Meetings***

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



Brukner Bird Club, 3rd Monday, No meetings in January or February. Contact Steve Moeckel, 335-6653  
Miami Valley Beekeepers Assoc., 1st Monday, No meetings in January or February. Contact Robert Dorsten, 623-6562  
Brukner Society of Nature Carvers, 2nd Tuesday, January 8 & February 12 at 7:00pm. Contact Jim Foster, 773-7314  
Wild Gardens Club, 3rd Monday, No meeting in January or February. Contact Ruth Bowell, 216-6855

## *Dine to Donate*

### **Marion's Piazza**

Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

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.*

#### **EAT IN OR CARRYOUT**

\*You must present this ticket when ordering\*

### **Wild Art!**

**Sunday, February 17**

**1:00 – 4:00pm**

Please join us for a unique FUNdraising event as we help you paint a portrait of a "Fox in the Forest" on a 16"x20" canvas. A BNC Naturalist will provide an engaging introduction to the natural history of these animals! 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 16 by 5:00pm (cash or check only). All proceeds benefit the Brukner Nature Center Wildlife Ambassador program.



### **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](http://www.feederwatch.org)!



### **View from the Vista**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Jan. 20 and Feb. 17, 2:00 – 4:00pm.**

Come relax in the Tree-top Vista and enjoy a hot cup of bird-friendly, shade-grown coffee and homemade cookies while you enjoy the 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??



## *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](mailto:brian@bruknernaturecenter.com)!

## ***Combined Federal Campaign Contributions can be made to BNC!***

Brukner Nature Center is happy to announce that we are a participating agency in the Combined Federal Campaign of both the Miami Valley Region and the Heart of Ohio region (CFC #25234). If you are a federal employee, please look for us in this year's Charity Guide and encourage your co-workers to donate to BNC and support our mission of environmental education and wildlife rehabilitation. Thanks!



## ***PEEP Winter Session II*** February 26 – April 5

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. Sign-ups for Brukner Nature Center's Pre-school Environmental Education Program (PEEP) will begin Sunday, January 27! The winter session runs the week of February 26 through the week of April 5. This program offers a unique opportunity for children, ages 3 - 5, to get outdoors and learn through natural discovery! Classes run for six weeks and are offered for one day a week. Classes take place on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 – 11:30am. An additional afternoon class is offered on Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 – 2:30pm. The fee is \$55 for BNC members and \$75 for non-members. All fees are due upon registration (cash or check). 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

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 awe-inspiring 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 (cash or check). Payment is due at time of registration. Deadline is 5:00pm on the Monday before each program.



### **Forest Animals**

**Wednesday, January 16**

Winter is here, and that means it is a great time to explore a forest! Forests in Ohio are home to a diverse variety of animals—including squirrels, owls, woodpeckers, and more—and with the leaves off the trees it is much easier to find signs of these animals. Come join us as we look for squirrel nests, scat, woodpecker holes, and other signs of animals in winter. We will even meet some of our ambassadors up close and discuss ways they survive the winter.

### **Animal Adaptations**

**Wednesday, February 20**



Ohio's habitat diversity as well as the seasonal variety in weather have allowed many types of animals to develop adaptations to best help them survive in specific niches within the state. Join us as we discuss how a toad's warts help with camouflage, how a snake can smell with its tongue and more! Along the way we will meet several live wildlife ambassadors and discuss their adaptations, as well as create our own animal best suited to survive at Brukner Nature Center!



### ***AmazonSmile***

BNC will receive .5% of the purchase price of all eligible items. Just go to "smile.amazon.com" for all your usual Amazon shopping. Select your charity (Brukner Nature Center) and your shopping experience stays the same. Easy peasy!

## Nocturnal Wildlife Adventure

for Cub Scouts

Friday, March 1, 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 25 at 5:00pm. Cash, check, or credit card accepted.

## Wishlist...



**Wildlife:** "Special Kitty" moist cat food (chicken or turkey) from Wal-mart, dry dog food, dry cat food, fresh fruit & vegetables, peanut butter, bleach, spray bottles, He laundry detergent pods, dishwasher detergent pods, 30 and 33 gallon force flex trash bags, toilet paper, live mealworms, live wax worms, black oil sunflower seed, mixed seed, gift cards to Meijer, Lowe's, PetCo, and Tractor Supply

**Nature Education:** Gift cards for Kroger, Amazon, and Jay & Mary's Book Center, jumbo clear hand soap refill, caution tape, duct tape, jumbo hand sanitizer refill, google eyes, pipe cleaners, copier paper, construction paper (yellow, blue, black, brown), tissues.

*We've added lots more ideas to our Amazon wish list!! Log-in 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@brukernaturecenter.com. Then simply click "add to cart" to add an item to your shopping cart! If you have any questions please call us at 937-698-6493!*

## Girl Scout Overnights



### Brownie's Spring Overnight Adventure!

Friday, Mar. 15, 7pm to 9am Saturday, Mar. 16

Come join us for a fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! We'll show you how to be a true herpetologist as we meet our reptile and amphibian ambassadors, play games, look for frogs on our night hike, and even make a craft to help our amphibian friends! 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.

*Pre-register and pay by Monday, March 4 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop! Final deadline for registration and payment is 5:00pm on Monday, March 11. Cash, check or credit card accepted!*

### Junior's Spring Overnight Adventure!

Friday, Mar. 22, 7pm to 9am Saturday, Mar. 23

Come learn about conservation during this fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! We'll learn more about butterflies, bees and other insects we see every day, meet an owl that preys on insects, play awesome insect games, and even make a craft to help out Monarch butterflies! 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 18. Pre-register and pay by Monday, March 11 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop! Cash, check or credit card accepted!*

**\*PATCHES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR \$4\*  
FOR EACH SCOUT EVENT!**

## Contributions to BNC...

We wish to recognize those who have made contributions from June 20, 2018 - December 12, 2018. It is through your generous support that we continue to meet our mission. We are indeed grateful...



**Adopt-a-Book:** McGuire Surveying, YW Yoga Sisters - *In memory of Don Reed*

**Adopt-an-Animal:** James & Candace - *In honor of Greg & Alissa Blankenship*, Jennifer Kroner, Lily Kroner, Casey Amend; Darin & Becky Crow, Doug & June Drieling, Diana Spitler, Deb Oexmann & Dick Wagar - *In memory of Cody Burelison*; YW Yoga Sisters - *In memory of Don Reed*; James & Julia Poeppelman, Stefani Talley.

**Adopt-a-Release Box:** Christi Bohrer, Timber Carter, Robert & Barbara Caruso, Mitchell & Earline Fogle, Carolyn Hobart.

**Adopt-a-Tree:** Stephanie Schlafman - *In memory of Chet Pease & Landon Dean Ullery*.

**Annual Appeal:** Marvin Appel, Mike & Ginny Beamish, Rex & Marlene Borton, Garry & Anita Brown, Rosemary Chaney, Sharon Cooper, Doug & June Drieling, Darrel & Rita Hollenbacher, Steve & Jan Hamman, Don & Barb Hiser, E.C. & Ann Horman, Ernst & Barbara Kellerstrass, Dan & Molly Kenney, Arlene Kleptz, Carl & Winnie Knepper, Terry & Jane Lavy, Doug & Kate Lins, James & Ellen Luken, Karen Markey, Mr. & Mrs. Robert McCarthy, Jeff & Jaque Mitchell, Jay & Christina Moeller, Thomas & Myra Nichols, Andre & Edith Odermatt, Teresa Peters, Donald & Julia Routson, Linda Schaefer, Pete & Sallie Simonis, Leroy & Connie Smith, William & Linda Sommer, Bill & Kim Stump, Vicki Jo Ransbottom & Fred Swanson, Greg & Deb Taylor, Lisa Taylor, The Troy Foundation, Mike & Ruth Treon, Deb Oexmann & Dick Wagar.

**The Art of Nature:** Ackley Insurance Services, Alvetro Orthodontics, Apex Aluminum Die Casting Co., Arens Publications, Cale & Meghan Arnold, Asset Sales, Baird Funeral Home, Mike & Ginny Beamish, Brukner Bird Club, CF Poeppelman, Doug & Sondra Christian, Dave & Carole Cobb, Dave's Services Heating & Air, Ben Dehus, Emerson Climate Technologies, Erwin Chrysler, Excellence in Dentistry, Exhibit Concepts, Dave & Jenny Fuller, Greenpoint Metals, Greentech Corporation, Greenville National Bank, Hamler-Gingrich Insurance, Hartzell Propeller Inc., Hoehne Painting, Simon & Michelle Ireton, ITW Food Equipment Group, ITW Tool Works Foundation, Tim & Nancy Johnston, Tom & Melissa Kleptz, Paul & Cathy Knoop, KSM Metal Fabrication, Terry & Jane Lavy, Level MB Construction, David & Candy Lindeman, Glen & Angie McMurry, Miami Conservancy District,

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**Big Sit:** Jim & Ruth Bowell, Darin & Becky Crow, Jeff & Sandy Montgomery.

**Quarantine Building:** Anonymous Donor, Grant & Karla Allan, Dave & Carole Cobb, Dr. James & Linda Daniel, Grace Goodall, Jordyn Hoffman, Dan & Molly Kenney, Tom & Melissa Kleptz, Miami County Foundation, Ohio Animal Foundation, Brian & Terri Parks, Janet Peterson, Trina Short, The Reynolds and Reynolds Associate Foundation, The Troy Foundation, The Virginia W. Kettering Foundation, Thomas & Helene Hartzell Fund, Tipp City Foundation, Turnstone Financial, Vectren Foundation, Deb Oexmann & Dick Wagar.

**Dine to Donate:** Buffalo Wings & Rings, Chipotle, Fazoli's, Hickory River, Penn Station, Rapid Fired Pizza, Sno Shack.

**Endowment Fund:** Hank & Barb Vaughn.

**Environmental Education:** Mike & Susan Barhorst, Brukner Bird Club, Doug & Sandy Christian, Don & Jane Delcamp, Lee & Kristine Goodson, Tom & Pauline Persing.

**Grants:** Anonymous #2 Fund, Cargill, G. William Hartzell Grant, LexisNexis, Mathile Family Foundation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Robert & Joan Heidelberg Family Fund, Rotary Club of West Milton, The Piqua Community Foundation, The Troy Foundation, US Bank Foundation.

**Haunted Woods:** Just 4 Fun 4-H Club, Troy Noon Optimist.

**Honorariums & Memorials:** *Honorariums - Charlene Hughes:* James & Carol Coate; *Claire McMurray:* Meghan Arnold; *Dr. Lonnie Davis:* Grace's Grooming & Boarding; *Memorials - Beecher & Mary Beery:* Joy Beery; *Cody Burelison:* Terry & Jane Lavy; *David McCray:* Hartzell Propeller, Neil Lyons; *Don Bayer:* Terry & Jane Lavy; *Elbert Wilhelm:* Beth Culbertson; *Gregory Cloud:* Bill & Karen Arnold; *James*



*Dawson*: Arthur & Shirley Anderson, Allen & Marsha Cox, June Drieling, Roger & Kay Fulker, Dwight & Diane Henn, George & Nadine Moore, Clarence & Joyce Newman; *Jim Morris*: Steve & Marian Moeckel; *John Trombley*: Terry & Jane Lavy; *Marsha Fisher*: Steve & Marian Moeckel; *Robert Lee Bowman*: Beverly Helsinger; *Sam Scott*: Tim & Vera Jasper; *Thomas Wurzelbacher*: Steve & Marian Moeckel; *Wayne & Jane Wagar*: Phil & Barb Wagar; *Garry Frazier*: Kay Allen.

**Monarch Celebration:** Jackson Tube Service, Purelawn, Troy Noon Optimist.

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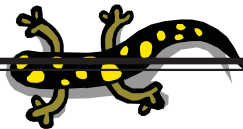
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- Lights Out Miami Valley, March 15 - June 1, Turn off your lights to save migrating birds!
- Brownie Overnight Adventure, Friday, March 15 starting at 7:00pm. Wildlife fun for your troop!
- View from the Vista, Sunday, March 17, 2:00 – 4:00pm. Learn to ID cool birds with the BNC Bird Club!
- Homeschool Nature Club, Wednesday, March 20, 9:30-11:30am & 2:00-4:00pm. Geared for kids ages 5-12.
- Spring Equinox Event, Thursday, March 21, 7:00pm. An evening with John Ruthven and an exhibit of his works!
- Junior Overnight Adventure, Friday, March 22 starting at 7:00pm. Wildlife fun for your troop!
- BNC's Wildlife Rehab Open House, Sunday, March 24, 1:00 - 4:00pm. Discover how you can help wildlife in need!