

# Gray Fox Gazette



*September/October 2017*

*Brukner Nature Center*

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*Sunday, 12:30pm - 5:00pm*  
*Phone: (937) 698-6493*

**The BNC River's Edge  
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*Located on the corner of Calumet Rd.  
and S.R. 48 north of West Milton*  
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## The Art of Nature



Sunday, October 8, 4:30 - 7:30pm

Join us for Brukner Nature Center's signature fundraiser and enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, fine wines and unique auction items as you meet this year's featured artist, local sculptor, Mike Major. Mike grew up on a farm in Miami County not too far from Brukner Nature Center. He returned to Ohio after graduate work as Ohio's first Artist in Residence for the Ohio Arts Council and National Endowment for the Arts and has enjoyed reconnecting to his home county through several recent sculpture projects. Thanks to the support of Bill and Wanda Lukens, he has been honored with the task of creating a life-sized statue of Mr. Clayton Brukner for us that will be unveiled the night of the event and says this monument of Clayton Brukner is high on his list of favorite projects. "Mr. Brukner was a generous and inspiring man, setting an example for all of us through this wonderful legacy, Brukner Nature Center."

Admission is just \$50/person and all proceeds support BNC's mission to promote the appreciation and understanding of wildlife conservation through preservation, education, and rehabilitation. Call us today to make sure your name is on the invitation list!



Eat, Drink & Bid Merry!



Each year we bring fresh, local foods to the event and this year is no exception! Prepare your palate for mouthwatering hors d'oeuvres created by The Boathouse restaurant in Troy, perfectly paired with local wines and beers. After the artist's presentation, you'll be invited to satisfy your sweet tooth with our mouth-watering dessert bar and our 'Brुकner Blend' bird-friendly coffee, roasted by our friends at Winans! We'll end the night with our silent auction filled with one-of-a-kind nature-related items! Highlights include vacation rentals, catered dinners, a handmade wooden canoe, artisan foods & gifts, the opportunity to hold a live barred owl, and to win a homemade pie each month of the year! Simply priceless!

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

Dear Friends,



Many of you may not know that we have various levels of BNC Memberships. The Family + 1 level allows you to designate an additional beneficiary like a babysitter, grandparent or another adult! Our two designated memberships, Patron of Education and Guardian of Wildlife, specifically support our education and wildlife programs respectively and give you some insight into our accomplishments in these areas each year. The Lifetime membership is a onetime contribution that is placed directly into our endowment and provides long-term support for the operations of the Center. You can also become a BNC Ambassador and in 5 consecutive years, earn the Lifetime Member status.

All membership dues support the mission of Brukner Nature Center. Mr. Brukner wanted the Center to be available to all people in the community regardless of their financial background, and we have remained true to that vision. We offer a free admission day every Sunday of the year and our educational program fees are purposely set low with the actual costs of these innovative, hands-on programs underwritten by membership funds. Our primary goal is to provide awesome opportunities for people to connect with wildlife through restored native habitats, wildlife rehabilitation opportunities and our outreach and onsite educational programming for all ages.

And we couldn't do it without you!! More information on all BNC membership levels can be found on our website or in our newly created membership brochure – stop in and pick one up today to share with your family and friends. Thanks for your support as a BNC Member!

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***BNC Interpretive Building will be  
closed for Labor Day!***

BNC's Interpretive Building will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day. Our trails, however, will remain open from sunrise to sunset.



## ***Autumn Equinox Exhibit & Lecture***

featuring the art of Bonnie Scott  
and photography of Tom Hissong

**"Discovering Nature With a Camera"**

by Tom Hissong

**Thursday, September 28, 7:00pm**

Doors open at 7:00pm for you to share a glass of organic cider and delicious autumn fare as you enjoy the whimsical clay bird artwork created by Bonnie Scott, as well as the remarkable photography of Tom Hissong, moments in nature captured through a naturalist's eye.

At 7:15, we'll settle into our seats for an awe-inspiring presentation by Tom Hissong, retired Education Manager and naturalist at the Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm near Dayton. Ohio is home to beautiful and remarkable natural wonders that can be discovered 365 days a year. In Ohio a nature photographer can find limitless wild subjects including fungi, wildflowers, trees, insects, amphibians, birds and more to make great photos. Over the years, Tom has had the wonderful opportunity to spend a great deal of time in the outdoors of Ohio. He has made many exciting discoveries through his camera lens on his way to learning all that he can about Ohio's natural heritage. In this program Tom will share some of his most favorite images of nature that he has made in Ohio in a special colorful PowerPoint presentation. This program is sure to take the audience on a special trip of beauty and wonder. Tom is an award winning nature photographer who lives in Clayton, Ohio with his wife, Kay.

Admission for this seasonal celebration is just \$5 for BNC Members and \$10 for non-members. All proceeds from this event, including the sale of the photographs through-out the exhibit, will support our mission of wildlife conservation.



## Thanks for your help!

We would like to recognize these June/July volunteers and to express our sincere appreciation for their help: Mike & Susan Barhorst, Robin Bark, Mike Beamish, Cindy Beckstedt, Elaine Bolt, Marlene Borton, Jim & Ruth Howell, Stacy Brewer, Vickie Brewer, Rachel Brubaker, Anne Butler, Barbara Caruso, David Cobb, Nick Christensen, Sharon Cooper, Becky Crow, Alisha Dixon, Carrie Emerick, Matthew Ewer, Jeff Ferrell, Mark Fuchs, Kay Fulker, Jan Gillespie, Amanda Goheen, George & Joanie Gutermuth, Wendy Houghton, Michelle Ireton, Lynn Johnson, Nancy Johnston, Trinetta Kelly, Dan Kenney, Molly Kenney, Josh Kessler, John Keys, Tom Kleptz, Carl & Winnie Knepper, Jerry Lamb, Marcus Lambert, Terry Lavy, Dave Lindeman, Esther Marko, Sammie Martin, Glen McMurry, Freddy Meyers, Allan Miller, Ronnie Miller, Marian Moeckel, Jeff Montgomery, Marian Nagy, Samantha Newman, Amber Nichols, Ramon & Rosie Nickol, Christina O'Connell-Carne, Rita Oexmann, Felicia Olinger, Jill Patrick, Al Pennington, Pauline Persing, Teresa Peters, Ben Poeppleman, Michelle Rank, Tim & Debbie Ray, Mary Beth Robertson, Phil & Nancy Shafer, Leighane Shaffer, Jeannette Sharp, Monica Shell, Kris Singleton, Molly Slack, Emma Smith, Minda Springer, Annette Stein, Bill & Kim Stump, Megan Sweeney, Trent Thompson, Mike & Ruth Treon, Joshua Wackler, Ruth Walsh, Jackie Watkins, Dottie Wettstone, Penny Williamson, Patricia Youngerman.

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## BNC closed for Annual Fundraiser on October 8<sup>th</sup>!

BNC's Interpretive Building will be closed on Sunday, October 8 for our annual Art of Nature Fundraiser.

## What we did in June/July...

**Nature Programs:** Approximately 2,888 people participated in BNC programs! Movie Screening, 35; Summer Solstice Event, 20; PEEP, 60; Summer Camps, 85; Views from the Vista, 40; Young Birders Club, 3; Wild Journeys, 24; Where the Wild Things Live Overnighter, 30.

**Wildlife Rehab, 1114 patients received so far in 2017! Stats for June/July:** 68 released, 86 euthanized, 91 pending, 169 died, 11 transferred. *Birds:* 1 American crow, 1 American goldfinch, 48 American robins, 1 Baltimore oriole, 2 barn swallows, 3 blue jays, 3 blue gray gnatcatchers, 1 brown thrasher, 4 brown-headed cowbirds, 4 Canada geese, 7 Carolina wrens, 1 cedar waxwing, 5 chimney swifts, 3 chipping sparrows, 5 common grackles, 2 downy woodpeckers, 1 eastern screech-owl, 2 great blue herons, 4 great horned owls, 1 hairy woodpecker, 10 house finches, 51 mallards, 10 mourning doves, 1 northern bobwhite, 7 northern cardinals, 1 northern flicker, 1 prothonotary warbler, 2 red-bellied woodpeckers, 10 ruby-throated hummingbirds, 1 song sparrow, 1 tufted titmouse, 1 white-breasted nuthatch, 3 wood ducks, 1 yellow-billed cuckoo. *Mammals:* 18 big brown bats, 3 eastern chipmunks, 85 eastern cottontails, 34 eastern gray squirrels, 1 muskrat, 1 raccoon, 3 red bats, 2 red fox, 4 striped skunks, 1 thirteen-lined ground squirrel, 65 Virginia opossums, 2 white-tailed deer, 2 woodchucks. *Herps:* 2 common snapping turtles, 1 Midland painted turtle, 1 musk turtle, 1 spiny softshell turtle.

**Volunteers:** 89 Adult Volunteers contributed 1,046 hours and 37 Junior Volunteers contributed 115 hours.

## Wildlife Rehab Reminder...



Just a reminder, the building that houses the rehab unit will close on Monday, September 25 for the season. After that date, please bring any injured or orphaned wildlife to the main Interpretive Building.



## 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:** Mike McCullough, Cheryl Stafford.

**Family:** Robin Barhorst, Ashley Beatty, Kaila Bryant, Justin Buttou, Melissa Conley, Jaimie & Nathan Dunn, Dave & Sue Gibboney, Michelle Hart, Christopher & Jill Henderson, Richard & Joanna Hufford, David Hules & Joy Drzyzga, Yukiko Kameyama, Carl & Victoria Lanning, Julie Law, Jeffery Leininger, Brasta Lialios, Maria Lyle, Patrick & Sherri McClelland, William & Anna Middendorf, Rebecca Miller, Jeff & Jacquelyn Mitchell, Andrea Morgan, Karen Neeley, Sarah Ramsay, Gail Reardon, James & Mary Segi, Kitty Stockslager, Corey & Christine Ward, Dustin & Andria Wise.

**Family+1:** Steffani Melvin, Jesse Turner & Ray Otto, Linda Wilson. **Patron of Education:** Stephan & Christy Shell. **Guardian of Wildlife:** Bob & Kathrine Mergl.

## Volunteer to be a trailguide!

Are you interested in teaching educational wildlife programs aimed at children pre-k thru grade 5 at Brukner Nature Center? Each program will include an encounter with a wildlife ambassador and an interpretive hike! Training is provided! If you are interested, please call 937-698-6493 or [info@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:info@bruknernaturecenter.com). We could not possibly reach all of our goals without your help and support!

## BNC Special Interest Groups Meetings

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



Brukner Bird Club, 1st Monday, September 11 & October 2 at 7:00pm. Contact Steve Moeckel, 335-6653  
Miami Valley Beekeepers Assoc., 1st Monday, September 11 & October 2 at 7:00pm. Contact Robert Dorsten, 623-6562  
Brukner Society of Nature Carvers, 2nd Tuesday, September 12 & October 10 at 7:00pm. Contact Rich Richmond, 332-7650  
Wild Gardens Club, 3rd Tuesday, September 19 & October 17 at 7:00pm. Contact Ruth Howell, 216-6855  
Stillwater Stargazers, 3rd Tuesday, September 19 & October 17 at 7:00pm. Contact Mike Feinstein, 339-5948



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## ***Monarch Celebration!*** Saturday, September 9, 1:00 – 4:00pm

Don't miss this awe-inspiring, hands-on, family-friendly event! Your afternoon will be packed full of activities to help you and your family learn all about Monarch butterflies - from educational crafts for the kids to opportunities to talk to professionals in the field! You can purchase a variety of native plants for your garden, learn all about BNC's Butterfly Transect Survey and create your own milkweed seed ball!

We also hope to have live Monarch encounters - from caterpillar to chrysalis and adult! And we plan to tag the adults and release them on their journey south! Did you know that fall migrating Monarchs have never even been to Mexico?! They are the great grandchildren of the monarchs that left Mexico last spring?!

What's amazing is that Monarch butterflies use their eyes to locate flowers just like us, but they use their antennae to 'smell' the nectar and minute receptors in their feet to 'taste' sweet substances?! How cool is that?! Come discover these amazing creatures and learn how you can help them!

*"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things." ~ Henry Miller*



### ***January - June Intern Position***

**Deadline: Sunday, October 1st**

Are you or someone you know searching for that stepping stone into the environmental world? Brukner Nature Center's Internship Program is looking for a dynamic individual that wants to embark on the opportunities that encourage professional growth and development, engage you in developing skills in land stewardship and non-profit administration, and advance your network with other wildlife rehabilitators in the area. This full-time position requires a six month commitment. For full position description and to submit a cover letter and resume contact [wildlife@bruknernature-center.com](mailto:wildlife@bruknernature-center.com) today!

### ***Butterflies of Ohio***

**a multi-media Art Exhibit**

**August 23 – September 18**



Come check out this cool exhibit and vote for your favorite! Each of the 25 selected one-of-a-kind works of art will be paired with a \$1 voting jar in the Heidelberg Auditorium and the 'People's Choice Award' will be announced at our Monarch Celebration on Saturday, September 10. All art will then be for sale for \$20 (*unframed – we'll use these same frames year after year!*) and available for pick up after the exhibit. All proceeds support our Monarch Celebration and butterfly education! Guess what?! Our artists range in age from 3 to 100 years old!



### ***Wishlist...***

**Wildlife:** Moist cat food, dry cat food, dry dog food, fresh fruit & vegetables, cottonballs, Dawn dish soap, *He* laundry detergent, bleach, 30 gallon & 33 gallon force flex trash bags, live mealworms, live wax worms, hard-shelled nuts (acorns, walnuts, etc), unsalted in-the-shell peanuts, black oil sunflower seed, mixed bird seed, rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, 9V), suet cakes, cat litter scoops, extracts (vanilla, peppermint, almond), gift cards to Meijer, 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, duct tape, jumbo hand sanitizer refill, tea lights, votive candles, recycled paper napkins, fabric paint, brown paper lunch bags, black pipe cleaners, and black 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@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:info@bruknernaturecenter.com). Click "add to cart" to add an item to your shopping cart! If you have any questions please call us at 937-698-6493!

## 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 fasting growing hobby in America!! All levels of birders welcome! (Really good binoculars available for use!)

### Sundays, September 17 and October 15, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Come relax in the Tree-top Vista with a cold glass of lemonade and homemade cookies while you enjoy the birds! Fall migration will be in full swing so you never quite know what you may see! Watch for a glimpse of a chestnut-sided warbler with their bright yellow caps and rusty-painted sides. They nest in northern Ohio and parts farther north and will be heading back through our area soon!

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## Spirit Night at the Waffle House in Troy

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Join us anytime from 2 – 9pm!

Support the wildlife ambassadors at Brukner Nature Center simply by eating out! Did you know that it costs us about \$1,000 every year just to feed our 50 wildlife ambassadors?

So take your family and friends to **Waffle House** on Archer Drive in Troy and if we have at least 30 supporters there that evening, 25% of the total sales for the evening will be donated to BNC!

**No need to take anything with you, just say that you're eating out for Brukner Nature Center!**

## Volunteer Your Property?



Do you have property that has a pond, many acres of woods or even large open fields? Then the BNC Rehab Center needs you! Last year we took in over 1,400 animals from 23 counties and released over 38% of them and 2017 hopes to be even more successful! All of these animals need a natural place that is suitable to their needs for finding food, shelter, and water. If you have property that you would like to volunteer as a release site for rehab animals or have additional questions please contact our main center at 698-6493 or via email at info@bruknernaturecenter.com. A questionnaire will be sent to you with preference of animal(s) to be released on your property.

## 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.

## 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). The mission of the CFC is to support and promote philanthropy through a voluntary program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. 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!







## Adopt-a-Release Box

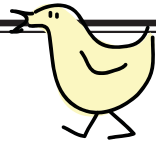
Help us help them! When you participate in the “Adopt-a-Release-Box” program your \$20 contribution will help us to continue to provide hundreds of wildlife rehab patients with the support they need as they return to the wild. The release box simulates a cavity for sleeping, hiding from predators and/or caching food in – 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!! Forms are available at BNC.

↙ ↘ “When we return wild animals to nature,  
we merely return them to what is already theirs,  
For man cannot give wild animals freedom,  
they can only take it away.”

~Jacques Cousteau

## Fall PEEP II Session!

Session begins October 25



Keep your preschooler active this fall by registering them for hands-on, outdoor exploration with BNC’s Preschool Environmental Education Program (PEEP)! Each class will be filled with wildlife discovery as we share a story, make a craft, enjoy a snack, then take an exploratory hike! Fall II session runs October 24 through December 8. This nature-based preschool program for potty-trained 3-to-5 year-olds is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 9:30 - 11:30am with an additional Friday afternoon class from 12:30 - 2:30pm. Sessions run for six weeks with a different nature-related topic explored each week. Open registration for Fall II session begins September 24. The fee is just \$45 for BNC Members and \$60 for non-members. All fees are due upon registration (cash or check only). Class size is limited to 12 children. \*There will be a break for all classes the week of Thanksgiving.



## Bat Box Workshop

Saturday, October 15, 2:00 - 4:00pm

There are over 1000 species of bats in the world, and Ohio is home to 11 of them! Come learn all about Ohio's bats with our wildlife officer Jasmine Grossnickle, and help our Ohio species by building a bat box for your home. Call to register and reserve a bat box kit for \$30 by Friday, October 14 at 5pm. This program is free for BNC Members and just \$5 for nonmembers. Cash or check only.

## BNC’s “It’s about Wildlife” Photo Contest coming this winter!



Ready, Set, Shoot! Get your cameras ready for Brukner Nature Center’s Annual Photo Contest, "It’s About Wildlife", coming to the Heidelberg Auditorium this winter. Whether your photos are from your backyard or North American travels, show us how they support BNC’s slogan – “It’s about Wildlife!” Visit our website or stop by our main building to pick up a brochure with full contest details. This event is open to all photographers of all ages!!

## Adopt-a-Tree!



“The true meaning of life is to plant trees  
under whose shade you never expect to sit.”  
~ Nelson Henderson

Help us plant native trees at BNC’s River’s Edge Wildlife Preserve this spring! For a simple \$50 donation, you can help us purchase and plant a variety of native trees in prime locations, creating a welcoming entrance and future shade for weary hikers! Each donor will receive a certificate of appreciation suitable for framing. You can even ‘plant a tree for the future’ in memory or honor of a loved one. Adopt-a-Tree forms are available at the Center or on our website.

## 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 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 time of registration. Deadline is 5:00pm on the Monday before each program.



### Nature Detectives

Wednesday, September 20

What better way to start our new home school nature club season than to practice our skills as nature detectives? This month we will be discussing how to look for clues to track down wildlife using our different senses and lots of cool tools. We'll learn to identify different species based on their colors, characteristics, noises that they make, and tracks that they leave behind! We'll also discuss the proper ways to interact with wildlife ranging from birds and snakes to skunks and raccoons!

### Bats

Wednesday, October 18



While being widely misunderstood, bats are amazing creatures that can find and consume 1200 mosquitoes an hour in pure nighttime darkness using echolocation to identify things as small as a human hair! They have skin stretched between their fingers allowing it to be the only flying mammal including some species that can fly at 60 miles per hour! Join us as we discuss the importance of bats and how bats benefit us all!

### Wildlife questions?



BNC has developed 13 species-specific brochures to help you live with the wildlife in your own backyard! Call us at 937-698-6493 or email [info@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:info@bruknernaturecenter.com) and we'll send a brochure electronically and answer any of your questions!

## Girl Scout Overnights



### Brownie's Fall Overnight Adventure!

Friday, Nov. 10, 7pm to 9am Saturday, Nov. 11

Come join us for a fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! You'll discover the awesome and unique adaptations of Ohio's mammals as you encounter BNC's wildlife ambassadors! 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, November 6. Pre-register and pay by Monday, October 30 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop!

### Junior's Fall Overnight Adventure!

Friday, Nov. 17, 7pm to 9am Saturday, Nov. 18

Come explore the world of birds during this fun and educational overnight adventure for your troop! You'll meet BNC's Wildlife Ambassadors and discover birds' awesome adaptations as you explore the mysteries of migration, practice bird identification and learn the songs of our common species! 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! Deadline for registration and payment is 5:00pm on Monday, November 13. Pre-register and pay by Monday, November 6 and get a wildlife field guide for your troop!



### 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 Brian at [brian@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:brian@bruknernaturecenter.com)!





# Haunted Woods

Saturdays & Sundays,

October 21 - 22, October 28 - 29

6:30 - 8:00pm

Admission: \$5/person for BNC Members or \$7/person for non-members  
(kids 2 and under are free)

Come enjoy a kid-friendly evening filled with guided walks, live wildlife and costumed characters! Your guide will lead you along the gently rolling, luminary-lit trail, stopping at 6 stations along the way so you and your family can learn about the wild creatures of the night (bring your flashlights!). But the fun doesn't stop there; activities also include free face painting, games, storytelling at a campfire, plus cookies and cider in the log house.

This awe-inspiring program is only \$5 per person for BNC Members and \$7 per person for non-members. Please be sure to have your membership card ready. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the night of the event, handed out in the order that you arrive at the gate, so if you want to join your friends, please ride together or meet and drive in together! Gate opens at 6:00pm with the first group leaving at 6:30 and every 5 minutes after that. Parking is limited, so load up the van and carpool!



Volunteer Opportunities: We need volunteers to bake cookies, park cars, lead groups, work the nature shop, play with kids, paint faces, tell stories and play characters along our trail. Call Miss June today at 698-6493! Students - come get your volunteer hours for graduation!!

Haunted Woods Wish List: Pumpkin carving tools and designs, apple cider, recycled paper napkins, 33 gallon trash bags, tea lights, votive candles, fireplace lighters, apple cider, tiki torch lamp oil, orange Kool-Aid, rechargeable batteries, and volunteers, lots of volunteer! (see above!)

Did you know that big brown bats can eat their weight in insects every night? Learn more about our nocturnal critters at Haunted Woods!



Consider having a 'Green Halloween' this year with recycled costumes, repurposed decorations, and fair trade goodies! Google Green America's green halloween for great tips and ideas!



# Brukner Nature Center

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## Room Rentals at BNC



Did you know that Brukner Nature Center rents its beautiful Heidelberg Auditorium and Meeting Room for corporate meetings and special events such as: baby and bridal showers, anniversaries, and birthday parties? If you would like more information, please call Cindy, Monday – Friday, at 937-698-6493. Brukner Nature Center is the “natural” choice for your special events!

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*-Adopted January 18, 2012, by the BNC Board of Trustees*

## Looking ahead to November...

- Brownies Fall Overnighter, Friday, November 10, 7:00pm to 9:00am, Saturday, November 11.
- Wild Art, Sunday, November 12, 1:00-4:00pm. \$35/person. Ages 13 - adult.
- Homeschool Nature Club, Wednesday, November 15. For kids ages 5 - 12 years old.
- Juniors Fall Overnighter, Friday, November 17, 7:00pm to 9:00am, Saturday, November 18.
- Wild Art for Kids, Saturday, November 18, 10:00am-12:00pm. \$25/person. For kids in grades K - 8th.
- View from the Vista, Sunday, November 19, 2:00 – 4:00pm. Learn to ID cool birds with the BNC Bird Club!
- Wild Journeys, Monday, November 20, 7:00pm. Journey to Brazil with Jim Beckman.
- BNC Interpretive Building closed, Thursday & Friday, November 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving. Come take a hike!

