

# Gray Fox Gazette

*July/August 2018*

*Brukner Nature Center*

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*Monday - Saturday, 9:00am - 5:00pm*  
*Sunday, 12:30pm - 5:00pm*  
*Phone: (937) 698-6493*

**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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***The Art of Nature***

**featured artist, Steve Burelison**  
**Sunday, October 7, 4:30-7:30pm**

Please make plans to join us for the 2018 Art of Nature event to support Brukner Nature Center's mission of wildlife conservation through environmental education and meet our featured artist, Steve Burelison as you enjoy local wines, gourmet hors d'oeuvres and unique silent auction items.



You may know Steve as the BNC volunteer who works with our birds of prey, but did you know that he is also a gifted artist? Steve is an amazing wood sculptor, carving mostly in 'found wood', primarily found in local woodlands or as driftwood along rivers and lakes, but he is always looking for that perfect piece, wherever he is. Steve combines his love of nature and animals with his gift of being able to see movement within the twists and turns of the grain and shape of the wood.

"I enjoy finding an old piece of wood from the forest floor, scraping away the dirt, rot, and decay, to find the portion inside that wants to continue living in the form of another creature, or sometimes just a form of beauty in the wood itself. Then, I simply help it out of there and give it everlasting life for someone to enjoy in their home and to pass down to generations to come, or simply just observe and feel."

Steve sculpts in an interpretive style giving just enough detail to present the viewer with the opportunity to complete the story in their own mind, even if it is a different story than he was telling. Steve is an accomplished artist winning many awards at select art shows and in April of this year had the honor of winning second in the world at the prestigious World Championship of Wildfowl Carving, world class division, held each year in Ocean City, MD.

Not only will Steve be available to talk one-on-one during the silent auction portions of the event, but he will also give a presentation sharing his artistic passion and his love of animals - he might even have a few bird of prey training stories to share! Contact us today to get on the mailing list for this event!

## A Note from the Director...



Dear Friends...

I feel like we may have turned a corner! Every year it is a bit of an emotional challenge to answer the numerous wildlife calls we get each day. Those calls that start with, "I love animals and don't want it to die!" are the ones that really get my goat – like we do?! Many of the callers wish that we would simply ride in on a white horse and swoop up the baby, taking it to live in paradise somewhere and save the day! And quite frankly, don't want to hear anything else!

But this year I feel that many of the callers are actually receptive to my advice. They seem to better understand the laws of nature and are willing to take the 'wait and see' approach rather than rushing in with 'help' that often separates a family. Heck, I even heard the evening news folks telling everyone that it's a myth that when you touch a baby bird, the mother will no longer care for it! Imagine that – the 6 o'clock Dayton news!

We often joke that we're trying to put ourselves out of business by telling folks to leave that baby alone unless they are absolutely sure they are in need of our help. Imploring that we (people) are their last resort, not their best chance! With over 639 patients already accepted this year in the rehab unit, I don't think that's going to happen soon! But we're getting there – almost every caller says they were referred by their vet, pet store, or friend and that means a lot. We're all getting on the same page and help is getting to the wildlife that truly needs it faster than ever before. And I thank you for that – for helping to spread the word and encouraging people to call us for help and advice! You guys rock!

Thanks so much for your support of this amazing place we call Brukner Nature Center!

Deb

*"The love for all living creatures is the most noble attribute of man."*

~Charles Darwin

## Butterflies of Ohio A Mixed-media Art Exhibit June 21 – September 16



Help us celebrate the unique, diverse, and beautiful butterflies found here in Ohio! Each of the 25 selected pieces 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 8. All art will 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!

### Save the date!

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Monarch Celebration**  
Saturday, September 8, 1:00 – 4:00pm

- Crafts for kids
- Adopt-a-Monarch
- Learn about the Monarch's migration
- Informational Vendors
- Milkweed for sale

FREE Admission *courtesy of Troy Noon Optimists!*



### Wild Art!

**Sunday, August 19**  
1:00 – 4:00pm



Please join us for a unique FUNdraising event as we help you paint a portrait of a dragonfly on a 16"x20" canvas. 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, August 18 by 5:00pm (cash or check only). All proceeds benefit the Brukner Nature Center Wildlife Ambassador program!

## Thanks for your help!



We would like to recognize these April/May volunteers and to express our sincere appreciation for their help: Cindi Baltzer, Mike & Susan Barhorst, Elisabeth Barnett, Mike & Ginny Beamish, Cindy Beckstedt, Nancy Boedeker, Marlene Borton, Stacy Brewer, Vickie Brewer, Jennifer Broome, Rachel Brubaker, Anne Butler, Katie Byers, Barbara Caruso, Lucy Chapman, Nick Christensen, Andy Coate, Dave & Carole Cobb, Ron Corbett, Jim & Dinah Crawford, Sharon Cooper, Ben Dehus, Jane Delcamp, Karen Dempsey, Alisha Dixon, Amorette Dye, Matthew Ewer, Jeff Ferrell, Mark Fuchs, Kay Fulker, Jenny Fuller, Jan Gillespie, Amanda Goheen, Ellen Goldstein, George & Joanie Gutermuth, Chanely Hauser, Barb Hiser, Bert Hensel, Jean Hoover, Wendy Houghton, Susan Housley, Simon & Michelle Ireton, Lynn Johnson, Nancy Johnston, Emily Jones, Molly Kenney, Josh Kessler, John Keys, Tom Kleptz, Carl & Winnie Knepper, Marrissa Koerner, Jerry Lamb, Terry Lavy, Sharon Lemmon, Marie Lewis, Dave & Candy Lindeman, Esther Marko, Caroline Maslowski, Tiffany McBride, Jen McCormick, Glen McMurry, Freddy Meyers, Allan Miller, Pat Miller, Steve Miller, Steve & Marian Moeckel, Jeff Montgomery, Mariann Nagy, Samantha Newman, Amber Nichols, Rosie & Raymond Nickol, Christina O'Connell-Carne, Norval & Rita Oexmann, Al Pennington, Teresa Peters, Ben Poeppelman, Michelle Rank, Tim & Debbie Ray, Mary Beth Robertson, Jessica Schafer, Nancy Shafer, Leighane Shaffer, Jeannette Sharp, Monica Shell, Kris Singleton, Molly Slack, Maggie Solomon, Mollie Sorg, Jeannie Spicer, Minda Springer, Annette Stein, Christa Stewart, Bill & Kim Stump, Pam Sturtz, Eli Thiele, Trent Thompson, Mike & Ruth Treon, Joshua Wackler, Dick Wagar, Ruth Walsh, Brooke Waterman, Jackie Watkins, Jeanette Weaver, Susan Weidel, Jessie Whettstone, Ruth Ann White, Penny Williamson, Donna Wirz, Peggy Wolke, Patricia Youngerman.

**Junior Volunteers:** Heidi & Josiah Allan, Adam Angel, Elizabeth Arnold, McKenna Bailey, Laura Barth, Gretchen Brown, Emma Brunswick, Cora & Rose Chapman, Jacob Dale, Olivia Doviak, McKenna Downing, Skye Fields, Isaac Gluck, Madison Harkins, Chloe Howell, Jacob Jergens, Zoe Lindimore, Mary & Sarah Lins, Sean Martin, Michael McKay, Audrey McWhorter, Sean Miller, Spencer Newhouse, Owen Plieman, Carter Robbins, Brayden Schwartz, Trey Singleton, Cailyn Starnes, Maggie & Rachel Stewart, Janessa Stigler, Lillie Warner.

## What we did in April/May...

**Nature Programs:** Approximately 5,107 people participated in BNC programs! PEEP, 67; 5K Run Wild, 207; Views from the Vista, 52; Wild Journeys, 45; Homeschool Nature Club, 147.

**Wildlife Rehab, 639 patients received so far in 2018! Stats for April/May:** 100 euthanized, 105 pending, 116 released, 250 died, 1 transferred. *Birds:* 1 American kestrel, 24 American robins, 2 blue jays, 23 Canada geese, 1 Carolina chickadee, 2 Carolina wrens, 1 common gallinule, 8 common grackles, 6 eastern bluebirds, 1 eastern screech-owl, 2 gray catbirds, 2 great blue herons, 1 great horned owl, 3 hooded mergansers, 4 house finches, 40 mallards, 6 mourning doves, 1 northern bobwhite quail, 3 northern cardinals, 1 pileated woodpecker, 2 red-bellied woodpeckers, 1 red-winged blackbird, 2 ruby-throated hummingbirds, 1 song sparrow, 1 sora, 1 swamp sparrow, 1 white-breasted nuthatch, 1 wild turkey, 1 wood duck, 2 unknown. *Mammals:* 7 big brown bats, 3 eastern chipmunks, 176 eastern cottontails, 51 eastern gray squirrels, 1 fox squirrel, 137 Virginia opossums, 4 woodchucks. *Herps:* 2 common snapping turtles, 1 eastern garter snake, 2 gray ratsnakes, 6 midland painted turtles, 3 northern map turtles.

**Volunteers:** 125 Adults contributed 1,452.25 hours and 34 Junior Volunteers contributed 250 hours.

*"Without habitat, there is no wildlife.  
It is that simple. ~ Anonymous*



## Adopt-a-Tree!

Help us plant native trees at BNC's River's Edge Wildlife Preserve this fall! For a simple \$50 donation, a native tree will be planted, creating a welcoming entrance and future shade for weary hikers! Each donor will receive a certificate of appreciation suitable for framing. Adopt-a-Tree forms are available at the Center or on our website.



## 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:** Teresa Miller, Jonathan Neftzke, Stephanie Paul, Scott Tyler. **Family:** Shannon Adams & James Stein, Jessica Ayres, Shawne-Nicole Blackmore, Kim Brill, John & Carol Carter, Keigo Chiba, Jamie Cornelius, Jessica Fugate, John & Marcia Hofmann, Trevor & Katie Hopsecker, Jacqueline Kich, Raena King, Holly Landis & Keleigh Naff, Diane Lemaster, Allison Leo, Jason & Sarah May, Eric McLellan, Melanie Mergler, Sam & Kara Mikolajewski, Leah Mosser, Kathryn Reed, Herb Rickabaugh, Sharon Robinson, Julie Scott, Amy Seger, Dan & Rebekah Shafer, John Sharits, Mollie Suber, Kyle & Kate Todd, Angela Wegscheider. **Family+1:** Patricia Minzner, Laura Sneed, Michael Terrian. **Patron of Education:** Justin Cress. **Guardian of Wildlife:** Yagnesh Raval, M.D.



### AmazonSmile

BNC will receive .5% of the purchase price of all eligible items. Participating is simple, go to "smile.amazon.com" for all your usual Amazon shopping. Select your charity (Brukner Nature Center) and all your shopping experience stays the same. Just another way for you to support BNC!



### 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/SupportUs/KrogerRewards) for steps on how to sign up! BNC's organization number is 83419.

### Wishlist...



**Wildlife:** Pedialyte (unflavored), Cheerios, dry cat food, "Special Kitty" moist cat food (chicken or turkey) from Wal-mart, timothy hay, fresh fruit & vegetables, cottonballs, toilet paper, He laundry detergent pods, dishwasher detergent pods, bleach, 33 gallon force flex trash bags, toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes, live mealworms, live wax worms, hard-shelled nuts (acorns, walnuts, etc), unsalted in-the-shell peanuts, black oil sunflower seed, mixed seed, 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, fabric paint, google eyes, pipe cleaners, brown paper lunch bags, construction paper (yellow, blue, black, brown).

More ideas are on our Amazon wishlist! 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 e-mail: [info@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:info@bruknernaturecenter.com). Click "add to cart" to add items to your cart!

## 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 Monday-Friday at 937-698-6493.



## BNC Special Interest Groups Meetings

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

Brukner Bird Club, 3rd Monday, July 16 & August 20 at 7:00pm. Contact Steve Moeckel, 335-6653  
Miami Valley Beekeepers Assoc., 1st Monday, July 2 at 7:00pm. No meeting in August. Contact Robert Dorsten, 623-6562  
Brukner Society of Nature Carvers, 2nd Tuesday, July 10 at 7:00pm. No meeting in August. Contact Rich Richmond, 332-7650  
Wild Gardens Club, 3rd Monday, July 16 & August 20 at 7:00pm. Contact Ruth Howell, 216-6855



## *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, July 15 & August 19, 2:00 – 4:00pm.**

Have you seen a yellow-breasted chat? We have at least 2 pairs nesting at the River's Edge Wildlife Preserve off Calumet Rd. You can usually hear them and occasionally spot them from the parking area. They often perch at the top of a tree and sing their odd song - look it up - it will make you smile! What's cool is that they have recently been placed in their own family, Icteriidae, which proves just how unique they are! It's doubtful that you will see a chat at the Tree-top vista, but it will be a great story to share as you cool off in the AC!

## *Honey Harvest*

**Sunday, August 5, 2:00pm**



Come enjoy the sweet taste of summer at Brukner Nature Center's annual Honey Harvest presented by the Miami Valley's Beekeepers Association. Did you know that colonists brought honey bees to America more than 300 years ago? Before that there was no native honey except from bumblebees. Did you know that there are 30,000 to 60,000 bees in a hive – one queen, hundreds of drones and the rest, workers?! Bees fly between 10 and 15mph and must make 40,000 to 80,000 trips to make a single pound of honey!

You can escape the heat in our beautiful air-conditioned Heidelberg Auditorium and learn all about the process of beekeeping from setting up the hive to processing the honey for your table. Enjoy a taste of this season's hard work, courtesy of the honey bees at Brukner Nature Center! Free!

## **Dine to Donate**

at



**Wednesday, July 25th, 2018**

**11:00am - 8:00pm**

Fazoli's is located at 1887 W. Main St., Troy. Please email us at [info@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:info@bruknernaturecenter.com) if you plan to attend so that we may send you a link - we need at least 20 people to respond by July 22nd. Fazoli's will donate a percentage of all sales to help support the wildlife at BNC!



## *Wild Journeys*

Come on an armchair adventure and discover the unique flora and fauna on this amazing planet! This program is free for BNC Members! Non-member admission is just \$5 per person and includes refreshments!

## **Literary Research in James Bay, Quebec** **Monday, August 27, 7:00pm**

Come enjoy this unique presentation by novelist Dave Essinger as he takes us on his research trip for his latest novel about ultrarunning, *Running Out*, set in the James Bay Area in northern Quebec. The James Bay Area is within driving distance from Ohio and is one of the most remote regions on the planet; the James Bay Road and the North Road there are the farthest you can get from a permanent human settlement, by road, anywhere on Earth. Dave received his MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and is a fiction reader for *Slice* magazine and General Editor of the *AWP Intro Journals Project*. He currently teaches creative writing and edits the literary magazine *Slippery Elm* at the University of Findlay in Ohio. As an added bonus, Dave will also give a short reading from his novel and have books available to sell and sign!



***Stillwater Clean-up***  
**Wednesday, July 25, 1:30 – 4:30pm**

Did you know that the Stillwater River is a state designated scenic river?! Ohio pioneered the river preservation movement in 1968 with the passage of the nation's first scenic rivers act. This legislation created a state program to protect Ohio's remaining high quality streams for future generations. How cool is that?! So join BNC Staff and volunteers and help us do our part to keep the river free of trash. We'll sweep the section of the Stillwater River that borders Brukner Nature Center - from Fenner Road to State Route 55. You must provide your own canoe, PFD, and work gloves, but trash bags and ice cream celebration provided! Adults only, please. Register today by e-mailing [deb@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:deb@bruknernaturecenter.com), deadline Monday, July 23.

***Be a BNC Intern!***

**Deadline: Sunday, 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).



***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! Please contact Brian for more information at [brian@bruknernaturecenter.com](mailto:brian@bruknernaturecenter.com)!

***PEEP Fall Session***

**Open registration begins Sunday, July 29**



All children are born naturalists. They have a natural curiosity that draws them to roll over a log to see what lies beneath. Children get so excited discovering little creatures, whether they have wings to fly or legs to jump. They marvel at watching turtles and frogs at the pond, and love searching for snakes! Encourage your child's sense of wonder and enroll them in BNC's Preschool Environmental Education Program (or PEEP, for short) this fall. Classes are offered Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 - 11:30am with an additional Friday afternoon class from 12:30 - 2:30pm. Classes run for six weeks with a different nature-related topic each week. PEEP is for 3, 4 and 5 year olds who are potty-trained, and not yet in kindergarten. The Fall I Session will begin the week of September 4 and run through October 12. The fee is just \$55 for BNC Members and \$75 for non-members. All fees are due upon registration. Open registration begins on Sunday, July 29 at 12:30pm.

**Dine to Donate**

at



**Tuesday, July 10, 2018**

**12:00pm - 10:00pm**

Join us at Sno Shack, located by Taco Bell in Troy, for a refreshing, summer-time treat!

No flyer is necessary - just mention BNC when you order and 20% of all sales will be donated to our Wildlife Ambassadors. How cool is that!!



***Pollinator Workshop***  
**Saturday, July 28, 2:00 – 4:00pm**

Have you heard the buzz? Native bees rock! Unlike the honeybee, most native bees are solitary – but they still make a BIG impact. In fact, it takes 100 honey bees to pollinate the same amount as one solitary bee! Grab the family and come join us for a presentation on solitary bees, a fun bee hike, and an opportunity to make your own solitary bee house. Payment is due at the time of registration (cash or check only). Deadline for registration is 5:00pm on Saturday, July 21.

*\$5 for BNC members/\$10 for a BNC member family  
 \$10 for a non-member/\$20 for a non-member family*

*Save us from becoming paper!  
 Get your GFG as a pdf!*



***Homeschool Nature Club***



**9:30 - 11:30am and 2:00 - 4:00pm**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (Sept. – May)**  
**Registration opens August 1**

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 per class. Payment is due at the time of registration (cash or check). Deadline is 5:00pm on the Monday before each program. Topic for September is "Butterflies & Moths".

*“The true mystery of the world is the visible,  
 not the invisible.” ~ Oscar Wilde*

***BNC's River Float...***

**For kids entering grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>**

**“Wild about Water”**

**FULL - Tuesday, July 17, 9:30am - 3:30pm**  
*(rain date Thursday, July 19)*

**Monday, July 23, 9:30am - 3:30pm**  
*(rain date Thursday, July 26)*



Known for its slow moving, clean and clear water, the Stillwater River is home to many pollution intolerant fish and macroinvertebrate species. Join us as we explore the river while tubing from our main building to our River's Edge property. We will use nets to catch aquatic creatures, snorkeling masks to observe the underwater habitat, watch for wildlife along the shorelines, and more!

*\$25 for BNC Members • \$35 for non-members*

***BNC's Summer Overnighter...***

**For kids entering grades K-5<sup>th</sup>**

**“Where the Wild Things Live”**



**Friday, July 20 at 7pm to 9am Saturday, July 21**  
 Brukner Nature Center has a great diversity of wildlife living in our woodlands, meadows and ponds! These mammals, birds, reptiles and amphibians have unique adaptations that help them find, capture, and consume their foods. Come explore the night woods, meet our wildlife ambassadors and discover how these amazing creatures are perfectly suited for nocturnal survival!

*\$25 for BNC Members • \$30 for non-members*



**Registration Guidelines for River Float & Overnighter:**

- Payment for Programs: Payment is due at the time of registration. Cash or check only.
- Medical Consent Forms: Found online at [bruknernaturecenter.com/assets/bnc\\_medical-consent-form.pdf](http://bruknernaturecenter.com/assets/bnc_medical-consent-form.pdf).
- Withdrawal Policy: Reimbursement of payment registration is not available for any program cancellation within two (2) weeks of the start of a program. Cancellation occurring more than 2 weeks prior to the start of a program, will receive a 50% refund.



## Contributions to BNC...

We wish to recognize those who have made contributions from December 13, 2017 - June 19, 2018. It is through your generous support that we continue to meet our mission. We are indeed grateful...



**5K Run Wild:** Abbott Nutrition, Can't Stop Running, Clark's Pizza, Cold Stone Creamery, Dave & Carole Cobb, Dungan & LeFevre, Free to Run Foundation, Greentech Corporation, Grounds for Pleasure, Hamler Gingrich, Indians Pizza, Native Ohio Plants, Purebred Coffee, Road ID, Troy Animal Hospital & Bird Clinic, Turntable Cafe, Upper Valley Hearing & Balance, West Milton Dental Center, Western Ohio Podiatric Medical Center.

**Adopt-an-Animal, Release Box, & Tree Programs:** Brian & Lisa Hoblit, Nancy Hutchins, Abigail Kowalczyk, Chloe Miller; Cindy Milner: *In memory of Eileen Bird*; Steve & Marian Moeckel: *In memory of Juanita Hazelwood, Anne Martin & Kathy Slack*; Mike & Deb Shively, Carla Harris & Kelly West: *In honor of Ruth Ann White*.

**Annual Appeal:** Frank & Theresa Cooley, John Cousins, Dr. Richard & Sandy Adams, Elmer & Jennifer Ahrens, William & Lucinda Bach, Tamara Baird-Ganley, David & Miriam Beam, Rex & Marlene Borton, Sandra Broadstone, Garry & Anita Brown, David & Carole Cobb, Steven Crawford, Craig & Rosemary Critchley, Ben Dehus, Elizabeth Downie, Dragonhawk Publishing, Jean Dugan, Daniel & Margaret French, Mark & Joanne Fuchs, Dave & Jenny Fuller, Michael & Rochelle Goldstein, Mike & Elizabeth Gutman, Steve & Janice Hamman, Sammye Harrison, Herb & Ruth Hartman, Bert & Shirley Hensel, Illinois Tool Works Foundation, Jim & Amy King, Tom & Melissa Kleptz, Matthew & Dora Kline, Richard Klockner, Fred Labs, Terry & Jane Lavy, Robert & Marie Lewis, Dave & Candy Lindeman, Doug & Kate Lins, Robert & Karol McCarthy, Ed McCrea, Lois Melton, Mariann Nagy, Norval & Rita Oexmann, Jim & Deanna Riley, Bill & Kim Stump, The Troy Foundation, Mike & Ruth Treon, Turnstone Financial, Ruth Walsh, Jackie Watkins, Barbara Werth, Dave & Nancy White, Brian Williamson, Lenny & Donna Wirz, James & Lavonne Wren.

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Jane Lavy, Kevin Marano, Trish Miller, Donald Mitchell, John & Mary Beth Robertson, Nathan Schlafman, Bill & Kim Stump, Mike & Ruth Treon, Dick & Deb Wagar, Jackie Watkins, Lenny & Donna Wirz.

**Dine to Donate:** Bob Evans Restaurant, Buffalo Wild Wings, Buffalo Wings & Rings, Chick-fil-A, Coldstone Creamery, Hickory River, Marion's Piazza.

**Endowment:** Dan & Molly Kenney, John H. & Mary E. Lafferty Fund.

**Environmental Education:** Enon Elementary, Rachel Lawson, First United Methodist Church: *In honor of Wes Welbaum*.

**Grants:** Altrusa International Foundation of Troy, Piqua Area United Way Teens Taking Charge, Project GIFT, Project TIPP, Tipp City Rotary Club, Troy Rotary Club Foundation Fund.

**In-Kind:** Dayton Windustrial, Four Star Tool Rental, Roger & Carol Gigandet, Jaime Johnson, PureLawn.

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BNC's Interpretive Building will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 for Independence Day. Our trails, however, will remain open from sunrise to sunset so after celebrating with family bring everyone out and take a stroll along our woodland trails!

*Brokner Nature Center is a non-profit, privately-funded organization promoting the appreciation and understanding of wildlife conservation through preservation, education, and rehabilitation.*



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*it's about wildlife!*

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



## ***Looking ahead to September...***

BNC Interpretive Building Closed for Labor Day, Monday, September 3. Come take the family out for a fun hike! PEEP Fall I Session runs from September 4 - October 12. For kids ages 3 - 5 years old. Registration opens July 29. Monarch Celebration, Saturday, September 8, 1:00 – 4:00pm. Learn about the monarchs migration. Adult Volunteer Orientation, Tuesday, September 11, 1:30 & 7:30pm. As a privately funded nonprofit nature preserve, we simply could not accomplish our mission without the support of volunteers! View from the Vista, Sunday, September 16, 2:00 – 4:00pm. Learn to ID cool birds with the BNC Bird Club! Homeschool Nature Club, Wednesday, September 19, 9:30 – 11:30am and 2:00 – 4:00pm. Topic is "Butterflies & Moths". Registration opens August 1.