



Coming Events

Sun, July 14th, 2- 4, Juried Art Open Reception, Fairborn Art Association Gallery

Wed, July, 17th, 10am, Nature Connect and Hike it Baby tour, Garland Wetland Reserve

Mon, Aug 5th, 6:30-8pm, Sense of Place Program, Fairborn Public Library

Sat, Sept 14th, 9am-11am, Adopt-A-Hwy, I-675

Sat, Sept 21st, 9am- 12pm Andersen Fen Honeysuckle Removal

Sun, Sept 29th, 4pm-8pm, Member & Volunteer Potluck Picnic, Bath Township Building Office & Park, Pavillion # 4

THE FAIRBORN ART ASSOCIATION LANDSCAPE 2019 JURIED ART EXHIBITION OPENING RECEPTION

The B-W Greenway Community Land Trust and the Fairborn Art Association will host an opening reception for the Landscape 2019 Juried Art Exhibition on Sunday, July 14, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the **Fairborn Art Association Gallery at 221 North Central Avenue**, Fairborn, Ohio (in the rear of the building). During the reception, at 3:00 pm, the winners of the exhibition will be announced and prizes presented. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend. **This year's site location for the Juried Art is the Garland Wetland Reserve**



SCENIC MAD RIVER REVIVAL

Our northern boundary, Lower Valley Pike, was designated an Ohio Scenic Byway in 2004. Since then we have been working with many other organizations



as part of the Scenic Mad River Committee (SMRC) to have the Clark County segment of the Mad River designated an Ohio Scenic/Recreational River. A compliance study was completed with funding from many sources. Public support was overwhelming.

Unfortunately, the designation hit a snag when the Springfield/Clark County Chamber of Commerce wrote a letter of opposition. SMRC had to respond. For the past several years, David Wishart, a professor at Wittenberg, has been documenting the results of a survey that assessed the willingness of participants to fund a "scenic" designation. The survey shows much economic potential for Springfield/Clark County. SMRC is now meeting again. Keep tuned

CHILDREN LEAD & LEARN AT ESTEL WENRICK WETLANDS

Nature Connect Ohio's Environmental Educator Emily Foubert and Hike It Baby team leaders Laura Castro and Elizabeth Elam lead a guided tour of the Estel Wenrick Wetlands, Wednesday, May 22nd at 10am.

Mothers in full hiking gear gathered their young ones and set forth to explore this astonishing terrain. Ms. Foubert encouraged the youth's curiosity with songs, animal interpretations and education of ground animals and bird species. It was difficult not to be filled with a sense of nostalgia of ones' youth. A very special thanks to the educators, mothers and young children. For more information, go to www.hikeitbaby.com & www.natureconnectohio.org



The KarenClimate Corner

Considerations from a climate science communicator.

Millennials: A Climate Lifetime

If you're 30 years old, your parents increased CO2 in Earth's atmosphere 65% since 1990. It was their main activity throughout your lifetime.

These atmospheric changes which would normally take the Earth thousands of years, happened over three generations.

Your parents inherited a structure designed to maximize the use of fossil fuels, until every part of their lives, from driving you to lessons, to where they bought your food, to clothing you in synthetic fabrics, to pleasing you with plastic geegaws shipped from the opposite side of the world, accelerated global CO2 emissions.

Their parents, your grandparents, had memories of life in the first decades of 1900, way back in their childhoods, when many regular life activities did not add to excess CO2 emissions.

For example, public water fountains were more prevalent. Our local library added a water-bottle-filling station, and to date it has saved over 6,000 plastic water bottles from the landfill. Good on us, but our Grandparents would have seen that as an obvious solution, as water fountains were a normal essential of civilized life.

Discuss this with a friend, please, to raise consciousness on Climate, or go to KarenClimate.blogspot.com to comment.

B-W GREENWAY PUBLIC INVOLMENT

On May 23 B-W Greenway, along with Beaver Creek Wetlands Association and Greene County Parks and Trails, presented "Protecting Wetlands in Rapidly Developing Areas" to 49 interested local citizens at the Bath Twp building. The presentation was prompted by concerns regarding a proposed expansion of Waterford Landing in close proximity to Pearl's Fen, an extremely fragile wetland with rare and endangered species.



As a result of public concerns at the above presentation, we also sent a letter to Ohio EPA with questions regarding proposed bio-digester sediment ponds close to Pearl's Fen. In general, we support the concept of reducing waste in landfills and using it for renewable energy. We hope the answers to our questions provide assurance that the ponds will be non-intrusive neighbors to nearby residents.

We are also concerned with the potential loss of the Knoop Prairie near the Dayton Airport. We sent a letter of concern to the City of Dayton. Both of these letters are available at our website.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Wetlands provide fundamental biodiversity and are regulators of storm water, and water pollutants. Our community's wetlands here in Southwestern Ohio function as a resource of recreation for our community, sustainability for our economy, and are ingrained into the culture and history of this region. Be proud of our green spaces and help us continue the protection of Ohio's wetlands and waterways.

Join the B-W Greenway team today by visiting www.bwgreenway.org click on "DONATE" and help us safeguard these remarkable areas. Matthew Lawson, Executive Director

B-W Greenway Community Land Trust

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Mission: To protect and restore the land and water between the Beaver Creek and Wenrick Wetlands while balancing human and wildlife needs as a link in the Greater Dayton Greenbelt.

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Join the B-W Greenway
Community, together we can
preserve our vital wetlands and
agricultural lands.



Kid's Conservation Corner Baby Animal Encounters

Hey Kids! summer is here and with the warm weather, more of you are hopefully playing outside. With extra outdoor activity, more people will often come in contact with more animals. What do you do if you find a baby animal outside? First of all, get an adult to help you. Then, look to see if the animal looks hurt and to see if an adult is nearby.

Bird: Try to find the nearest nest and place it back inside. The mother will still come back. If the nest is too high, make a makeshift nest with a hanging basket, lined with tissue, and wire it to a branch or other high structure nearby. Mom will still feed it from this makeshift nest.

Squirrel: If no injuries, the baby can go back in the nest, but the nest will probably be too high to reach. Place the squirrel in a safe container, up high, out of reach of your pets. Then, watch from a hidden location to see if mom comes back to move her baby. If she doesn't come back after an hour or the baby is injured, call a wildlife rehabilitator.

Bunny: Eastern Cottontails are often found in people's yards. If you find a nest, just flag it so you don't mow over it. Mom only visits the nest 2 times a day, so don't assume it's abandoned just because you haven't seen her. Try to keep dogs and cats away from the nest. If you find a bunny in your yard and think it's too small...think again! If the bunny is fist-sized, the eyes are open and ears are erect, that little guy is on its own! If you find an injured bunny, it's time to call a wildlife rehabilitator.

For more information on injured wildlife, go to www.nwra.org. For wildlife conflicts, go to www.hsus.org and look under Wildlife. If looking online, be sure it's a reputable site in order to receive correct advice. For injured/baby mammals, songbirds and reptiles, call Brukner Nature Center at 937-698-6493. For injured/baby raptors (hawk, owl, falcon, vulture, eagle, kestrel), call Glen Helen Raptor Center at 937-767-7648.

Wetland Species of the Month

The Spiny Softshell Turtle

Can be found resting at many of the B-W Greenway and Park Districts' wetlands



